

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 63

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness that the members of this General Assembly learned of the passing of Congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd of Chattanooga, a civic leader who represented Tennessee's third congressional district for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, born in Fort Smith, Arkansas, on January 3, 1929, Rachel Marilyn Laird Lloyd was the daughter of James Edgar Laird and Iva Mae Higginbotham Laird; she spent much of her youth in St. Louis, Missouri, and Bowling Green, Kentucky, and she attended Shorter College in Rome, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, interested in broadcasting from an early age, Marilyn Lloyd owned and managed radio station WTTI in Dalton, Georgia, with her husband, Mort Lloyd, a local news anchor; the couple also owned Executive Aviation in Winchester; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lloyd's political career began in 1974 after the tragic death of her husband, who was killed in a plane crash shortly after securing the Democratic nomination for Tennessee's third congressional district; running in his place in the general election, she received fifty-one percent of the vote and became the first woman from Tennessee elected to serve a full term in Congress; and

WHEREAS, during her ten terms in Congress, Congresswoman Lloyd was a dynamic and well-informed participant in the legislative process who always voted her conscience, and she earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and constituents alike for her outstanding contributions as a member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, the Committee on Public Works, the Armed Services Committee, and the House Select Committee on Aging; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Congresswoman Lloyd was chair of the Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development and the Subcommittee on Housing and Consumer Interests, and she was the first woman elected to chair the Congressional Textile Caucus; she co-sponsored the Mammography Quality Standards Act, which became law in 1992, and sponsored the Hydrogen Fusion and High Energy Physics Research Act of 1994; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Marilyn Lloyd was named Tennessee's Woman of Distinction in 1992, and the Marilyn Lloyd Environmental and Life Sciences Research Complex at Oak Ridge National Laboratory was named in her honor in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lloyd was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Lloyd was the proud mother of Nancy, Mari, and Morty, and she was adored by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; she was preceded in death by her parents and daughter Debbie; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Lloyd leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction. We express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Lloyd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.