

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 117

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lily Katherine Shaw of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Lily Katherine Shaw; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shaw was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a recent graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Lily Shaw completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a double minor in Labor Studies and Disability Studies. While a student at UCLA, she served with acumen and alacrity as the UCLA Student Association Council (USAC) Facilities Commissioner, The Green Initiative Fund Chair, and a DJ and Events Manager at UCLA Radio, in which positions she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, in her role as USAC Facilities Commissioner, Ms. Shaw labored to ensure equitable distribution of resources for all students and accessibility at all student facilities; she cofounded the Disabled Student Union to cultivate community and solidarity among students with disabilities, and she painstakingly rewrote the USAC bylaws to promote accessibility policies on campus. Her dream was to obtain a law degree in International Disability Law so she could fight for disability rights at the highest levels of governance; and

WHEREAS, a fierce advocate for disability rights, Lily Shaw was the poster child and namesake of Lily's Garden at Fannie Mae Dees Park in Nashville, which opened in 2002 and was the State's first fully-accessible playground; she later interned in the Nashville mayor's office, where she worked to create a universal ADA compliance checklist for all government-funded construction projects; and

WHEREAS, deeply passionate about music, she curated a top-rated UCLA radio show, Apathy Hour, under the moniker DJ Lil Angst, and she took an annual pilgrimage to the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival; and

WHEREAS, a loving, caring, and accepting daughter, sister, and friend, Lily Shaw spent her entire life overcoming barriers, and her drive and sheer force of will was, and always will be, an inspiration to all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her parents, John and Lynne, and her two brothers, Will and Sam; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shaw 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lily Katherine Shaw, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Shaw.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.