

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 151

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lola Chantrelle Mitchell of Memphis.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Lola Chantrelle Mitchell of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Memphis rap legend Lola Mitchell, known professionally as Gangsta Boo, or Lady Boo, was an exemplary woman and hip-hop music artist; and

WHEREAS, born on August 7, 1979, in Memphis, Ms. Mitchell was raised in Whitehaven and graduated from Hillcrest High School; and

WHEREAS, an early trailblazer for female rap artists, Gangsta Boo is described as one of the first female rappers to draw inspiration from the gangster rap persona and voice of the 1990s, using lyrics and themes typically employed by male rappers; and

WHEREAS, Gangsta Boo began her music career in the 1990s as the first and only female member of the Southern rap group Three 6 Mafia; at the age of sixteen, she joined the then-underground rap group when she met DJ Paul, who was impressed with her lyricism and confident flow; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Gangsta Boo and the members of Three 6 Mafia released their debut album, *Mystic Stylez*, a dark spin on the rap scene at the time; she continued to collaborate with the group on several albums; and

WHEREAS, with the release of her first solo album, *Enquiring Minds*, Gangsta Boo began to develop her own musical flow and eventually went by Lady Boo; the album reached No. 15 on the *Billboard* Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums chart and No. 46 on the *Billboard* 200; and

WHEREAS, she officially left Three 6 Mafia in the early 2000s to pursue a solo career, subsequently releasing music with a number of big names in hip-hop and R&B, including E-40,

OutKast, Eminem, Lil Jon, Foxy Brown, Gucci Mane, Project Pat, and Tinashe, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, following the release of her second and third albums, *Both Worlds \*69* and *Enquiring Minds II: The Soap Opera*, Gangsta Boo was featured with Killer Mike and El-P on the first Run the Jewels album, and she toured a number of music festivals, including Pitchfork, FYF, and Coachella; in 2015, she released the mixtape *Candy, Diamonds & Pills*; which was followed by features on Run the Jewels's next two albums and a tour with Killer Mike and El-P; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the tour, Gangsta Boo began work on her fourth official studio album, *The Boo Print*, and soon after gained more internet traction with the viral *VERZUZ* battle between Three 6 Mafia and Bone Thugs-n-Harmony; and

WHEREAS, aside from her many professional accomplishments, Gangsta Boo was deeply devoted to her family, and she is survived by her mother and two brothers, Eric and Tarik; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor the bountiful life and memory of rap music artist Gangsta Boo, who leaves behind an indelible legacy and a trove of songs and albums that will forever remain touchstones of Southern hip-hop music; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lola Chantrelle Mitchell, 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. Mitchell.

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.