

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 180

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Suzanne "Sue" Wacks Chinouth of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Suzanne "Sue" Wacks Chinouth; and

WHEREAS, Sue Chinouth was an exemplary public servant and businesswoman who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on November 27, 1930, in Norton, Virginia, Mrs. Chinouth was the daughter of Nettie and Kermit Wacks; and

WHEREAS, a member of the North Johnson City Business Club, Sue Chinouth co-owned and operated Chinouth Construction Company with her husband; the Chinouths also built and owned Holiday Shopping Center, the first shopping center in North Johnson City, and Landmark Shopping Center; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chinouth served her community in various capacities, including as a two-term president of the Washington County Republican Women; Washington County Commissioner for eight years; member of the Finance and CIA committees; and vice chairperson of the Jail Building Committee; the first woman to serve as chair of the Washington County Republican Party, Mrs. Chinouth also served the organization as vice chair for three terms; chaired the Washington County Election Commission; and volunteered on several campaigns for local, State, and national Republican candidates; and

WHEREAS, she was a founding member of the Washington County Veterans Memorial Park and held many fundraisers for State and local politicians on her family farm, Landmark Farms; and

WHEREAS, known as the queen of thrift store shopping, Sue Chinouth loved brightly colored jackets, jewelry, hats, and pocketbooks; she cherished her set of pearls from the Jackie

Kennedy Onassis collection. She was also a doll collector with a collection of more than 100 dolls; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chinouth was a member of the East Unaka Church of Christ, where she took part in welcoming the youth groups for hay rides, snow sledding, and picnics; and

WHEREAS, Sue Chinouth was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of Kyle Chinouth, whom she married on September 3, 1947, until the time of his passing; they were the proud parents of Kyleen Chinouth Kelly, Mickey (Susan) Chinouth, Rusty (Chris) Chinouth, and Susan Denise Hyatt; and;

WHEREAS, in addition to her children, Mrs. Chinouth leaves to mourn her memory her loving grandchildren, Ginnie (Jake) Decker, Alyson (Jason) Decker, Jordan (Amy) Chinouth, Grant Chinouth, Hunter (Coty) Mann, Marcus Hyatt, Mark Kelly, Sara Poole, and J.J. Vestal; great-grandchildren, Jackson Chinouth, Adalyn Chinouth, Rachael Decker, Taylor Decker, Tristan Decker, Jorja Decker, Morgan Decker, Sophia Decker, Michael Decker, Justin Decker, Caleb Decker, and Charlie Mae Mann; and several Chinouth and Wacks nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her husband; parents; siblings, Chalmers Wacks, Illo Goff, Clement Davis, and Sonny Wacks; granddaughter, Katie Alexandra Chinouth Hyatt; and sons-in-law, Mark Hyatt and Baxter Kelly; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chinouth 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 Suzanne "Sue" Wacks Chinouth, 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 Mrs. Chinouth.

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.