

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 376

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A RESOLUTION to honor the Tennessee Federation of
Republican Women on the occasion of the
organization's seventieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, Republican Women's clubs were formed many years before women
received the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Platform of 1872 stated that The Republican Party is mindful
of its obligation to the loyal women of America for their noble devotion to the cause of freedom;
and

WHEREAS, in 1938, Marion Martin, assistant chairman to the Republican National
Committee, called a meeting at the Palmer House in Chicago, Illinois, to organize Republican
Women's clubs into a National Organization; and

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Republican Women's Clubs adopted rules, one
of which was "to foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party and the ideals for which it
stands"; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the organization's founding, there were only six Republican
governors, eighty-nine Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives, and sixteen
Republicans in the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS, in its early days, the organization was a lobbying group that continued to
grow, eventually changing its name to the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) in
1953; and

WHEREAS, the NFRW, once an auxiliary of the Republican National Committee,
became financially and organizationally independent in 1952; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women was chartered, with Alice Elder of Chattanooga serving as its first president; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Boreing is serving as president on this seventieth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women has clubs across the State that, in the seventy years since the state organization's founding, have taken part in programs to help in their communities, including those focused on caring for America, literacy, Americanism, armed services, and scholarship programs for women; most importantly, the organization has earned hundreds of thousands of campaign volunteer hours and received dozens of NFRW Achievement Awards in these areas; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women is celebrating its seventieth year while still supporting candidates through the Iris Fund PAC, still campaigning for and electing Republicans in Tennessee, and still contributing to the success of growing a super majority; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women on the occasion of the organization's seventieth anniversary, extending our best wishes for every future success.

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.