

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 518

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION to recognize Olajide Ibitoye and other college students who have lost a parent or guardian to COVID-19 and to honor the memory of Mr. Ibitoye's mother, Terri Yolonda Ibitoye.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should extend our sympathy and offer our condolences to those Tennessee college students who have lost a family member to COVID-19 but have persevered in their studies and continued to work toward the completion of their respective degrees or credentials; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olajide Ibitoye, a senior at Lemoyne-Owen College and an intern for Senator Heidi Campbell during the 2021 legislative session, lost his mother, Terri Yolonda Ibitoye, to COVID-19 infectious respiratory disease on November 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ibitoye was only forty-eight years of age at the time of her untimely passing, and her death is a tragic loss for her family and indeed all of us as Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Central High School in Memphis, Mrs. Ibitoye received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and Registered Nurse certification from Baptist Health Sciences University and worked as a registered nurse at both Baptist and Methodist hospitals while furthering her education; and

WHEREAS, a woman truly devoted to the healing arts, Terri Ibitoye had earned her Master of Science degree in Nursing, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse certification, and, most recently, her board certification as an Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and was also a licensed cosmetologist; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable lady is survived by her loving husband, Ajibade Ibitoye; her son and our colleague, Olajide Ibitoye; and her daughter, Olayinka Ibitoye; and

WHEREAS, during these sad and tragic times, let us rededicate ourselves to conquering COVID-19 through vaccination and education, as we pay tribute to Mrs. Ibitoye's legacy as a gifted and compassionate medical professional and a loving wife and mother; 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 recognize Olajide Ibitoye and all other college students who have lost a parent or guardian to COVID-19, reflecting upon their strength and resolve in the face of personal tragedy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor the memory of Terri Yolonda Ibitoye and extend our sympathy and condolences to her husband, children, and other family members and friends.

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.