

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 732

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Georgia Massengill
Warren of Bluff City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Georgia Warren; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Massengill Warren was the last remaining performer who participated in the 1927 Bristol Sessions, a renowned part of the nation's country music heritage; and

WHEREAS, born in 1915 on a farm in Bluff City, Tennessee, Georgia Warren loved music and singing; in 1927, at age eleven, she and her parents traveled to Bristol, Tennessee, where she sang with the Tennessee Mountaineers at what became known as the 1927 Bristol Sessions; and

WHEREAS, at the sessions, the young Georgia Warren, together with a group of community residents and church members, recorded two songs that can still be heard today; and

WHEREAS, the 1927 Bristol Sessions, which included performances from many Appalachian musicians, gave rise to today's country music industry; and

WHEREAS, a talented gardener and farmer, Mrs. Warren tended her gardens and flower beds with great devotion until she was ninety-seven; and

WHEREAS, she evinced her devout religious faith as a charter member of First Christian Church of Bluff City, where she enjoyed fellowship and worship; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Warren was preceded in death by her beloved husband of forty-nine years, Paul, and daughter Edith; and

WHEREAS, she will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her daughter Nancy and her family and a host of other family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Warren 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; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Georgia Massengill Warren, reflecting fondly upon her stalwart dedication 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. Warren.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.