

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 760

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lisa Powers Cooper of McMinnville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Lisa Powers Cooper, a longtime State employee and the beloved wife of our former colleague Senator Jerry W. Cooper; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Cooper was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on October 13, 1957, Lisa Powers Cooper was the daughter of Larry "Yogi" Powers, Sr., and Linda Pritchett; and

WHEREAS, a native of Warren County, Mrs. Cooper rendered sterling service for many years as the director of consumer services for the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, formerly the Tennessee Regulatory Authority; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Cooper was an active and devout member of First Presbyterian Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Lisa Powers Cooper married Senator Jerry Cooper of McMinnville on August 27, 1994, and they enjoyed twenty-five years of marriage before her passing; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper was the proud mother of Holly (Ward) Bushart; the devoted stepmother of Elisa (Barry) Luna, Sally (Mike) Pack, and Faith (Chase) McGee; and the treasured grandmother of five. She is lovingly remembered by her parents; her sisters, Lori

(Dale) Ehrhardt and Leticia (Garry) Barnes; her brother, Larry (Heather) Powers, Jr.; and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Cooper 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lisa Powers Cooper, 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. Cooper.

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.