

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 815

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judge Barbara Haynes of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Judge Barbara Haynes of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Judge Haynes 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, Barbara Haynes served the citizens of Nashville with distinction from her first election as Judge of Division I of the General Session Court in 1982 through subsequent elections to the Third Circuit Court, before retiring as Circuit Court Judge for the Third Circuit of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County in 2011; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary twenty-nine-year tenure on the bench, she distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Jean Norman Haynes was born on September 6, 1937, to J.D. and Nina Norman; she grew up in North Nashville, Bordeaux, and Inglewood, where she graduated from Isaac Litton High School in 1955; and

WHEREAS, the first person in her family to go to college, Judge Haynes obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in 1959 from the University of Tennessee, where she was President of Pi Beta Phi, a member of the Mortar Board, Torchbearer, and included in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Barbara Haynes earned her Juris Doctorate of Law at the Nashville School of Law, graduating second in her class after serving as President of the Honor Council and a member of Cooper's Inn of Court; and

WHEREAS, prior to her illustrious career as Circuit Court Judge for the Third Circuit of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, Judge Haynes rendered sterling service as a legal assistant on the staff of a member of the United States Congress and then as an attorney in the law firm of Haynes and Haynes for five years; and

WHEREAS, seeking to serve her community, Barbara Haynes was elected Judge of Division I of the General Sessions Court of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County in 1982, and subsequently won election to the Third Circuit Court in 1990, 1998, and 2006; and

WHEREAS, from 1986 until 1994, Judge Barbara Haynes served as Chair of the Tennessee Sentencing Commission, which undertook a comprehensive review of the sentencing guidelines contained in Tennessee Code Annotated that resulted in the enactment of major legislation extensively revising the criminal statutes of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, respected by her peers and colleagues for her keen insight and commitment to public service, Judge Haynes served as President of the Tennessee General Sessions Judges; Presiding Judge of the State Trial Courts; member of the Advisory Commission for Civil, Criminal, and Appellate Rules; member of the Legislative Committee for the Nashville Bar Association; and co-chair for the Legal Aid Society 2009 Campaign; and

WHEREAS, a Fellow and member of the American Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, and the Nashville Bar Association, Judge Barbara Haynes was a distinguished member of a number of other legal organizations, including the American Judges Society, Tennessee Trial Lawyers, Lawyers Association For Women, National Association of Women Judges, and the American Judicature Society; and

WHEREAS, a charter member of the Tennessee Women's Forum, Barbara Haynes was a member of the League of Women Voters, the Nashville Political Caucus, Leadership Nashville Alumni Association, Friends of Cheekwood, the American Association of University Women, Ida's Friends, and a charter member of CABLE; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in her community, she also contributed her time and energies to numerous civic-minded organizations and endeavors, including the Monroe Carell,

Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, the American Cancer Society, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Nashville Women's Political Caucus, All About Women, the Girl Scouts of America, Project Pencil – Adopt-A-School, the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Judge Haynes was awarded the ACLU Freedom Award, the William M. Leech Public Service Award by the Tennessee Bar Association, the IRIS Award – Woman of Distinction, the John C. Tune Public Service Award by the Nashville Bar Association, the Justice Frank F. Drowota III Outstanding Judicial Service Award, the National Association of Women Judges Recognition Award, and the YWCA's Academy for Women of Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, she was named T-LAW Woman of the Year in 1989, entered the Harry Phillips Inn of Court in 1992, and received the University of Tennessee's Centennial Leader Award in 1997 and the First Annual Champion of Vanderbilt Children's Hospital Award, and she was the winner of the 2010 Outstanding Alumni Award from the Litton High Alumni Association, in addition to receiving an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Argosy University in 2006; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Barbara Haynes enjoyed the loving companionship of her devoted husband and our former colleague, Senator Joe Mann Haynes, who preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, Barbara and Joe Haynes were the proud parents of three children, Jeffery Norman (Lucy) Haynes, Scott Kendall (Julie) Haynes, and Amanda Elizabeth Haynes (Stephen) Young, and the doting grandparents of seven grandchildren whom they loved to spoil: William Campbell Haynes, Richard Furman Haynes, Benjamin Hardin Haynes, Caroline Davis Haynes, Madden Haynes Young, Adam Gillespie Young, and Mary Neely Young; and

WHEREAS, Judge Haynes is also survived by her brother, Kenny Norman; her sister-in-law, Kathleen Haynes; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, Barbara Haynes was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Amy; her parents; her favorite uncle, Edward "Bud" Norman; and her brother, J.D. Norman, Jr., and his wife, Pat; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Haynes exemplified the allegiance to equality and justice under the law that is characteristic of a true Tennessean, and she 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 we should 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 Judge Barbara Haynes, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her extraordinary contributions to the people of Tennessee, 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 Judge Haynes.

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.