

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 832

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Julia Hopper Daniel of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those notable community historians that preserve the panoramic history of the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Julia Hopper Daniel is one such estimable historian who has devoted her time and energy to the preservation of black history in Roane County; and

WHEREAS, a native of Oliver Springs, Mrs. Daniel attended Campbell High School in Rockwood for three years before becoming one of the first black students to attend Oliver Springs High School; and

WHEREAS, always appreciative of the opportunity to learn, Julia Daniel earned her bachelor's degree from Tusculum College and her Master of Business Administration degree from Bristol University; and

WHEREAS, for many years, she served with acumen and alacrity as an information specialist with the United States Department of Energy in Oak Ridge until her well-earned retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Daniel has remained very active in her retirement, undertaking the preservation of her community's long and rich history; and

WHEREAS, in her research, she has focused on the educational options for African-American children in Roane County prior to desegregation and has uncovered the Oliver Springs Colored School, which was started in the 1880s and constructed with blueprints from Tuskegee University; and

WHEREAS, through her studies, Mrs. Daniel has learned the value and significance of education in black history and plans to compile her findings on Oliver Springs Colored School to be housed at the Oliver Springs Public Library; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Oliver Springs Historical Society, Julia Daniel has assisted with the operations of the October Sky Festival, which celebrates the role of Oliver Springs in the production of the 1999 film; and

WHEREAS, she has also devoted many hours to recording her personal and family history for the benefit of posterity; and

WHEREAS, she currently lives on the property that was once part of her family's farm, which includes a smokehouse and white-latticed well house, the latter of which she is working to have declared an historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her commitment to historic preservation, Mrs. Daniel enjoys the loving companionship of her husband, Julian, and their two children, Mark and Michelle; and

WHEREAS, she also appreciates the enduring wisdom of her elderly mother, for whom she acts as caregiver, and the endless enthusiasm of her five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the hard work and dedication of historians like Julia Hopper Daniel, the citizens of Tennessee will continue to benefit from the panoramic history of our State and learn its many lessons for the future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Julia Hopper Daniel for her efforts to preserve the history of her community, our State, and its citizens and extend to her 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.