

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 883

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Katherine Baker Mathis of Burns.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Katherine Baker Mathis; and

WHEREAS, born on October 25, 1925, to Bessie and William McQuade Baker, Katherine Mathis 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, Mrs. Mathis served with acumen and alacrity at Red Kap Industries, where she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her community, she spent many years volunteering and holding an office for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Women's Auxiliary; and

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

WHEREAS, she is survived by three children, Paula Hooper, Cheryl Vacco, and Glenna Mathis; five grandchildren, Tracy Taylor, Landon Mathis, Candi Mathis, Jessica Smithson, and Brittany Albright; eleven great-grandchildren, Samantha Hassell, Rachel Taylor, Avery Taylor, Emily Taylor, Savannah Mathis, Chloe Mathis, McClain Mathis, Kennedy Daily, Presleigh Albright, Briggs Albright, and Jett Perales; three great-great-grandchildren, Sawyer Hassell, Dawson Hassell, and Wilder Hassell; and a host of extended family and close friends; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-seven years, Roger Mathis, who was the grandson of Dr. James Mathis, a member of the House of Representatives of the 59<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the State of Tennessee; Doctor James Mathis was the son-in-

law of Fulton Tidwell, a member of the House of Representatives of the 56<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, William Carmack Baker and William Boogier Baker; and her sisters, Polly Brown, Betty Copley Waynick, and Mabel Baker; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Mathis 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 we 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 Katherine Baker Mathis, 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. Mathis.

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.