

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 954

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Louise Blevins Dunlap of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Louise Blevins Dunlap; and

WHEREAS, Louise Dunlap 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, the oldest of three children, Mrs. Dunlap was born in Shady Valley on July 14, 1935, to Argus and Donnie Blevins; showing great scholastic ability even in her youth, she was promoted to the second grade after reading all the books in the first-grade library; and

WHEREAS, after graduating as the valedictorian of her high school class, Louise Dunlap earned a two-year degree at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina, before transferring to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dunlap relocated to Oak Ridge in 1957 to embark on a career in the Analytical Chemistry Division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL); a year later, she met a physicist named Julian Dunlap, and the two were married in 1960; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, she left ORNL to become a stay-at-home mother but returned in 1986 to work in ORNL's Technology Transfer program before ultimately retiring in 2003 as the program's associate director; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dunlap was instrumental in beginning the Leadership Oak Ridge program and the Oak Ridge Rowing Association, of which she was the first president; she also

served her community as a member of the Oak Ridge Planning Commission, the Oak Ridge City Council, and the Industrial Development Board; and

WHEREAS, she was further committed to serving her friends and neighbors in Oak Ridge through her contributions to the Methodist Medical Center Foundation Board, the Oak Ridge Institute of Continued Learning Board of Directors, the Pellissippi Community College Foundation Board of Directors, the Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club, and second Philanthropic Educational Organization (Chapter R), of which she was a charter member; and

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

WHEREAS, a beloved family matriarch, Mrs. Dunlap is survived by her daughters, Leigh Dunlap and Lynn Dunlap; grandchildren, Hannah (Baron) Barker and Matthew DeMello; son-in-law, Moses DeMello; sister, Kathleen Britts; niece, Jennifer Connors; and nephew, Eric Britts; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-five years, Julian Dunlap; and a brother; and

WHEREAS, Louise Dunlap 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Louise Blevins Dunlap, 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. Dunlap.

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.