

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1463

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Helen L. Paxton on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Helen L. Paxton celebrated her 100th birthday on February 26, 2022, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Helen Paxton was born in Greeneville to Walter and Caveta Laughlin of the Glendale community; the eldest of four children born to the couple, she survives her three siblings, Hal Laughlin, Mary Katherine Laughlin King, and Lillian Laughlin Cutshaw; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Paxton was a longtime associate of Belk in Greeneville, having worked well into her eighties; she was also formerly a partner in Paxton's Jewelers; and

WHEREAS, for sixty-eight years, Ms. Paxton was an active member of Mosheim Chapter No. 292, The Order of the Eastern Star; she served in numerous stations through the years, including Worthy Matron in 1963, alongside her husband, Frank, as Worthy Patron; she also held numerous positions in the Tennessee Grand Court, The Order of the Eastern Star, including Grand Instructor, Grand Ruth, Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Matron, Fraternal Correspondent, and twice as youth scholarship advisor; and

WHEREAS, she is a devout member of Trinity United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Paxton enjoyed many years of marriage with her husband, the late Frank "Shorty" Paxton; she is the proud mother of Pat Paxton Easterly, Cheryl Paxton, and Judy Paxton; grandmother of Mark Easterly, Andy Easterly, Brian Payne, Julia Payne, Travis Payne, Jason Gullede, and Matt Gullede; and great-grandmother of Adam Easterly, Erika Easterly, Caroline Easterly, Alex Frye, Ethan Frye, Ava Payne, and Paxton Payne; and

WHEREAS, admired for her wisdom and kindness, Ms. Paxton is a joy to be around and a blessing to all who have the good fortune of knowing her; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; 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 and congratulate Helen L. Paxton on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

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.