

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1541

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Julia "Judy" Pearl Wright.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Julia "Judy" Pearl Wright; and

WHEREAS, Judy Pearl Wright was a warmhearted and faithful woman who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her family, her friends, and her community in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Charles Wayne Hawn, Sr., and Nixola Grace Smithers Hawn, Mrs. Wright was born on May 22, 1940, in Glenmary; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Harriman, Judy Wright graduated from Robbins High School and earned an associate degree; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years, she served the Tennessee Department of Human Services with acumen and alacrity as secretary to the director, in which position she wholeheartedly enjoyed serving the citizens of Roane County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wright poured herself into her community, and for several years, she served the University of Tennessee Vols basketball and football teams as an usher; and

WHEREAS, a woman of devout faith, Judy Wright was an active member of Trenton Street Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir and attended Sunday School classes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wright was also deeply devoted to her family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; she took great pride in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and cared for her extended family over the years; and

WHEREAS, she will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by her beloved husband of more than sixty-six years, Lonnie Huston Wright; her sons, Michael Lee (Stacy) Wright and

Gary Alan (Karen) Wright; her grandchildren, Todd (Shelby) Wright, Trevor Wright, Nicole (Cameron) Jebo, Bryan (Ellen) Wright, Christopher (Lucy) Wright, Natalee (Phillip) Edwards, and Garrett Wright; her great-grandchildren, Tenley, Tyson, Tessie, Teagen, Grady, Anne Tillman, Webb, and Noah; several nieces and nephews; her family at Trenton Street Baptist Church; and many friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Mrs. Wright was preceded in death by her sister, Nadine Grace West, and her brother, Charles Wayne Hawn, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Judy Wright 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 hereby honor the memory of Julia "Judy" Pearl Wright, 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 and friends of Mrs. Wright.

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.