

SENATE RESOLUTION 35

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Rayverne Baskin Wilson of Memphis.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Rayverne Baskin Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Rayverne Wilson was an exemplary woman and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Henry and Callie Baskin, Mrs. Wilson attended Memphis City Schools and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from LeMoyne-Owen College and her Master of Arts degree from Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, while at LeMoyne-Owen College, she became a member of the Beta Tau chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; she served as 39th Chapter President, Beta Epsilon Omega from 2012 to 2013, and from 2014 until the time of her death, she was a member of the sorority's International Reinstatement Task Force; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Chapter President, Mrs. Wilson sponsored a Human Trafficking Summit and an Emerging Leaders Summit; she remained active in the community until her illness prevented her from doing so, and she supported multiple community service projects as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha and The Links, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Rayverne Wilson devoted her career to serving Tennessee's youth as an educator with Shelby County Schools, where she did her utmost to help her students reach their full potential as scholars and citizens; and

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

WHEREAS, Rayverne Wilson will be mourned yet lovingly remembered by her husband, Calvin Wilson; her children, Delawne Wilson (Lionel) Quinn, Catrina Wilson (Doug) McCollum, Mary Wilson, and Calvin R. Wilson II; and her grandchildren, Brianna McCollum and Doug Ray McCollum, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, she is further remembered by her siblings, Vera (Albert) Jones, Glenda (Charles) Glover, Ezma (Jerry) Crawford, and Henry (Nedra) Baskin, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilson 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Rayverne Baskin Wilson, 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. Wilson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.