

SENATE RESOLUTION 140

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Una Coffman on her recognition as an honoree of the Founders' Day Celebration of Roane County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those estimable public servants who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Una Coffman, who has been named an honoree of the Founders' Day Celebration in Roane County in recognition of her many contributions as a productive and compassionate citizen of Roane County; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Fred J. and Dorothy M. Wright, Mrs. Coffman was born on May 2, 1940, in Harriman; and

WHEREAS, a 1958 graduate of South Harriman High School, Una Coffman received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1962; and

WHEREAS, after teaching at Midway High School and serving as a social worker for Roane County, Mrs. Coffman spent more than twenty years as a medical social worker at Harriman City Hospital, where she was named Employee of the Year in 1982; and

WHEREAS, with a desire to help others and get women involved in Roane County government, Una Coffman sought and won election to the Roane County Commission; the first woman elected to the County Commission, she served her fellow citizens as a County Commissioner from 1990 until 2006 and held the position of Chair of the Commission from 1996 until 2006; and

WHEREAS, she has further served her community as a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Roane County and the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association; she has donated her time and talents to the Roane Imagination Library, and, most notably, she has performed more than 500 marriage ceremonies in Roane County; and

WHEREAS, Una Coffman evinces her faith as an active and devout member of Kingston United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Mrs. Coffman is grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband of fifty-five years, Donald E. Coffman, her children, Lisa Coffman and Mark Coffman, and her two grandchildren, Jenna Borzellino and Daniel Coffman; and

WHEREAS, having given so much for so many fruitful years to the County of Roane and all her fine neighbors, family, and friends therein, Una Coffman, as an honoree of the Roane County Founders' Day Celebration, becomes the latest shimmering jewel added to the county's chest of treasures; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should honor the founding of the great County of Roane and revel in the treasured beauty and genuine, irreplaceable value that persons such as Una Coffman bring to the heritage of their communities, their counties, and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate Una Coffman on her recognition as an honoree of the Founders' Day Celebration of Roane County. We extend to her and her fellow Roane Countians our best wishes for all future endeavors.

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