

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 578

By Langster

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Lizzie Mai Ridley
Morton of Nashville.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Lizzie Mai Ridley Morton; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morton 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, Mrs. Morton served with acumen and alacrity for 37 years with the May Hosiery Mills Factory Co., in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morton was an active and devout member of the Alameda Christian Church, which she served faithfully for 30 years on the usherboard; and

WHEREAS, She was also an active member of the Intellectual Ladies, the Kind League, and the Forever Young Community organizations for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morton enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Nathan Morton, and was the proud mother of William Boyd; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her husband and son, Lizzie Morton is survived by four grandchildren, Henry and Michael Morton and Stephanie and Kevin Boyd; one great-grandchild, Tiffani Boyd; sister, Bettie Christmon; brothers, James, Curtis, and Thomas Ridley; uncle, Dudley Ridley; step-daughters, Martha Durrett, Carolyn McLaurin, and Mildred Morton; step-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and loving, devoted friends; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morton was preceded in death by sisters, Mattie Hendricks and Minnie Gooch, and brothers, Clifton, Douglas, and Claude Ridley; and

WHEREAS, Lizzie Morton was born on April 6, 1918, to the late Jimmy and Maggie Ridley of Nolensville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morton 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 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Lizzie Mai Ridley Morton, 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 Lizzie Morton.

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