

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 361
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Marcella R. Jessee of
Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Marcella R. Jessee on April 12, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Marcella Jessee 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. Jessee lived and enjoyed a life filled with beautiful family and the small accomplishments that make life worthwhile; she will be remembered as a supportive and loving wife, mother, and grandmother; and

WHEREAS, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Edward and Anna Marie Wiff Gillmeyer in 1924, Mrs. Jessee wedded Charles Jessee in 1947, moving to Bristol and then to Johnson City in 1989; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jessee was blessed with the loving companionship of her husband, Charles Jessee, for fifty-eight years and was the proud mother and mother-in-law of Tom and his wife, D.J., and of Bob and his wife, Sharon Green, as well as an adoring grandmother to her beloved grandchildren, Nick, Brian, and Britt; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Mrs. Jessee was preceded in death by her three brothers and three sisters; and

WHEREAS, always appreciative of the blessings in life, she loved bowling, cross-stitching, and was an ardent fan of the Atlanta Braves; she was also a patriot who was proud to vote for every Democratic United States President; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jessee 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 woman and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mrs. Marcella R. Jessee, a woman of great dedication and devotion to those she loved, 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 Marcella Jessee.

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