

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1127
By Curtiss

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Annie Martin Lauderdale Mitchell of Sparta.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Annie Martin Lauderdale Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, Annie Martin Mitchell 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, born April 8, 1921, in Rockwood, to Robert and Ruth Cashion Lauderdale, Annie Martin Mitchell was a loving, caring person who always put others before herself; and

WHEREAS, a public-minded citizen of the highest order, Mrs. Mitchell helped re-establish Girl Scouting in White County and served with acumen and alacrity as president of the Highland Rim Girl Scout Council and vice president of the Cumberland Valley Council; she was twice a delegate to the Girl Scout National Convention and received the THANKS badge, Girl Scouting's highest honor; and

WHEREAS, Annie Martin Mitchell also served as a member of the PTA at the local, state, and national levels; Women's Club since 1952; Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Nu, and Delta Kappa Gamma; she was serving as a trustee for White County Community Hospital at the time of her death; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell was appointed by Governor Winfield Dunn to the Tennessee Advisory Council for Education of the Handicapped and served for thirteen years as chairman; other State appointments included United Organization for Education, Comprehensive Health Council, and Advisory Committee for Juvenile Delinquency; and

WHEREAS, Annie Martin Mitchell was also a past president of the University of Tennessee Alumni Association and was awarded membership in Omicron Delta Kappa's National Leadership Honor Society; she was recognized by the Chancellor for extraordinary

success to the University and was named as Centennial Leader by the College of Human Ecology; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell was listed as a biographee in several editions of *Who's Who of American Women*; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, she was an active and devout member of the Methodist Church, and she served as president of United Methodist Women, as a Sunday School teacher, and was the first woman to serve as chairperson of the Administrative Board; and

WHEREAS, Annie Martin Mitchell is survived by her husband, Dr. Charles Austin Mitchell; daughter, Virginia Marie Zarka; sons, Charles Austin Mitchell, Jr., and his wife, Janis, and Robert Almont Mitchell and his wife, Jane; grandchildren, Roman Jackson Zarka, Jessica Lauderdale Zarka, Charles Austin Mitchell III and his wife, Leslie, Aaron Reynolds Mitchell and his wife, Angela, Robert Almont Mitchell, Jr., and his wife, Jennifer, Ayse M'Lynn Mitchell and her husband, Chris, Emily Estelle Mitchell, and Annie Rosemarie Mitchell; and seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell was preceded in death by her brother, Dr. Robert Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell 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 FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Annie Martin Lauderdale Mitchell, 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 many friends of Annie Martin Lauderdale Mitchell.

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

