

HOUSE RESOLUTION 65
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Betty Smallwood of
Lebanon, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Betty Walls Smallwood; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smallwood 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, the daughter of the late J.H. and Exie Birch Walls, Mrs. Betty Walls Smallwood received her education from Jasper, Alabama public schools, Huntingdon University, and the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Smallwood had served with acumen and alacrity as a private piano tutor in both states, in which positions she earned the respect of her peers and students alike for the exemplary quality of her work and her stalwart commitment to the welfare of young people; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Smallwood was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church of Lebanon, which she served faithfully for many years as the organist and music director; and

WHEREAS, through her love of and dedication to music, Mrs. Smallwood touched and inspired the lives of many. One protégé of Mrs. Smallwood stated, "Her understanding and feel for music far surpassed mere talent. She played from the heart."; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Smallwood enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of over fifty years, Felix H. Smallwood, and was the proud mother of Catherine S. Chinkers, Richard B. Smallwood and wife, Gina, and Charles T. Smallwood; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable woman will also be greatly missed by her siblings, Terry Williams; Anne W. Cochran and husband, Jerry; Frances Stewart; and Claude H. Walls and wife, Martha; her grandchildren, Joseph, Sarah, and Miriam Chinkers and Layla and Anna Smallwood; and numerous nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Smallwood 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, that we honor the memory of Mrs. Betty Walls Smallwood, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character as an educator and musician, 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 Betty Smallwood.

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