

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 498

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Margaret "Peg" A.
McNally of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Margaret "Peg" A. McNally of Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McNally was an exemplary public servant and consummate community leader who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on August 10, 1916, in Boston, Massachusetts, Peg McNally was the daughter of Francis Edward McKenna and Mary Anne Finnegan; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McNally worked for the Appeal Board of the Deed of Registry during World War II, while also taking classes at Boston College, and in November of 1942, she married Dr. James "Rand" McNally, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, the McNally family moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from Dedham, Massachusetts; with three young children under the age of three in tow, their first stop was the Alexander Hotel; and

WHEREAS, Peg and Rand McNally's first home was located on Tyler Road, where Peg McNally shared clothesline talk with her neighbor and closest friend, Eileen Cunningham; the McNallys then moved to Norman Lane, where they raised a family that soon expanded to seven; and

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

WHEREAS, in addition to being the "best mother ever," Peg McNally's activities included a bridge club, of which she was an enthusiastic member for more than fifty years, a sewing club,

activities at St. Mary's Catholic Church, volunteering at a local museum, and providing compassionate crisis counseling as a suicide prevention hotline volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Peg McNally's last years were spent vacationing with her children now spread all over the country; recently, when returning for her frequent stay in Oak Ridge, 90-year-old Mrs. McNally, with a big wide smile on her face, fondly referred to Oak Ridge as her "Home"; and

WHEREAS, Peg McNally is survived by a loving family, including three daughters, Mary Wiesbrock and her husband, Fred; Therese McNally; and Peggy Findley and her husband, Dave; four sons, our valued colleague Senator Randy McNally and his wife, Janice; Pete McNally and his wife, Kathy; Butch McNally and his wife, Rhonda; and Michael McNally and his wife, Rosie; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McNally is further survived by several grandchildren: Melissa Stubbs; Maggie McNally; Amy, Diana, Mark, and Katy Wiesbrock; Scott and Patrick McNally; Kim Greene; Margaret and Martha Wright; Stephen and Michael McNally; Sandra and Marco Villareal; and Claire Findley; four great grandchildren, Haley and Trent Stubbs; Morgan McNally; and Shane Andrew Frank; two step-grandchildren, Andy and Chris Davis; and one step-great-grandchild, Shelby Davis; and

WHEREAS, also surviving are several nieces and nephews, including Peggy Sheehan Meekins and Cat Cervantes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McNally was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Rand McNally, Jr., her sister, Mary Sheehan, and a brother, Francis Edward McKenna; and

WHEREAS, Peg McNally 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 human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Margaret "Peg" A. McNally, 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 Mrs. McNally.

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