

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 306

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pearl Sise on her induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Pearl Sise, who was recently inducted into the Rockwood Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Rockwood Hall of Fame exists to recognize, celebrate, and honor those persons who have distinguished themselves through their success in public service, professional accomplishments, contributions to the community, and personal achievements, and Mrs. Sise's lifetime of excellence in all her endeavors is surely deserving of such recognition; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Mrs. Sise has served as the Secretary, not only for Oak Ridge High School, but for the American Association of Retired Persons as well; and

WHEREAS, working with Dr. Bigelow to help lift up some of her community's most desperate citizens, Mrs. Sise helped form a Drug Rehab Program, and she assumed responsibility for staffing its twenty-four-hour telephone hotline; and

WHEREAS, a lively musician and entertainer, Mrs. Sise has played in a ragtime band and, with her husband in the role of Grandpa Jones, Mrs. Sise has also performed a Minnie Pearl impression striking in its resemblance to that legendary star of the Grand Ole Opry; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Sise has been a devout and dedicated churchgoer and servant to her congregation; she taught Sunday School for eighty years and sang in the church choir; and

WHEREAS, despite her numerous community, church, and professional commitments, Mrs. Sise is still able to enthusiastically pursue her favorite pastimes of cooking, knitting, playing keyboard, singing, square dancing, and playing pool; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her church family, to whom she has brought such great joy and affection, Pearl Sise is very proud of her son, Herson Ronald Cobb; and

WHEREAS, even today at the age of 101, Mrs. Sise continues to serve as a fine example of leadership and compassion, demonstrating an uncanny energy and an infectious love of life; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Sise epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and the people of this State should heartily applaud her on the occasion of her most recent accolade, an honor befitting an individual possessed of her precious gifts and talents; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Pearl Sise on her induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame, celebrate those singular qualities that qualify her for such a distinction, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

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