

HOUSE RESOLUTION 307

By Turner J

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lillian Marie Johnson Loggins.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Lillian Marie Johnson Loggins; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Loggins 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 on January 24, 1931, in Memphis, Ms. Loggins was the devoted daughter of George and Willie Johnson, who taught her the value of hard work and service to others; and

WHEREAS, she was joined in holy matrimony with Wash Loggins, and their blessed union produced four children; and

WHEREAS, an assiduous scholar, Lillian Loggins graduated from LeMoyne-Owen College with honors in 1962 and later earned her Master of Education degree from Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-four exemplary years, Ms. Loggins rendered sterling service and impacted the lives of countless students as an educator with the Memphis City Schools, eventually taking a much-deserved retirement in 2000; and

WHEREAS, a highly-influential figure in her field, Lillian Loggins served with acumen and alacrity as a life member of the United Teaching Profession, which includes the Memphis Education Association, West Tennessee Education Association, Tennessee Education Association, and National Education Association; she was also a member of the Memphis and Shelby County Retired Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, she distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through her involvement in a variety of noteworthy organizations, including serving as the President of the Lewis Center Chapter of the AARP, Vice-President of the Memphis Chapter of the LeMoyne-Owen Alumni Association, life member of the LeMoyne-Owen National Alumni Association, and member of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and the American Association; and

WHEREAS, a woman of faith, Lillian Loggins was a devout member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church for more than six decades, serving her Lord and fellow believers as a Deacon, Elder, Trustee, and the Presbyterian Woman; and

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

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her beloved son, Kevin Earl; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Loggins was the proud mother of Betty Marie Smith (Percy), Norman Cedric, and Wallace Eugene and the devoted grandmother of Norman Cedric Loggins II, Edythe Marie Smith, Cory Xavier Loggins, Amina Abasi Smith, and Cierra Francine Loggins; and

WHEREAS, she will also be sorely missed by her nephews, Otis (Debra) Harris and Todd Johnson; her niece, Lynn Johnson Loggins; her devoted friend, Noah Bond; and a host of friends, family, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Loggins 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Lillian Marie Johnson Loggins, 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 Ms. Loggins.

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