

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 773

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joyce Hicks Burchett of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Joyce Hicks Burchett; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Burchett 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, Mrs. Burchett served with acumen and alacrity as an educator at Young High School, Bearden High School, and Knoxville College, in which positions she earned the respect of her students and colleagues alike for her exemplary leadership and inspiring methods in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, born in Cheatham County, Mrs. Burchett graduated from Cheatham County High School and earned a degree in education from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work in education, Joyce Burchett served with the Tennessee Valley Authority during World War II; and

WHEREAS, during this time, she also learned to fly and soloed an airplane as part of a college Reserve Officers' Training Corps program; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian all her life, Mrs. Burchett truly demonstrated the value of community service and volunteered her time and energy to many organizations, including the Ossoli Circle, "the oldest federated women's club in the South," the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Bearden Retired Association of Teachers, the Philanthropic Educational Organization, and Grandmothers at Prayer; and

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

WHEREAS, a faithful and loving wife, daughter, and sister, Mrs. Burchett was preceded in death by her husband, Charles "Charlie" R. Burchett; her parents, David Willard Hicks and Mary Veteria Harper Hicks; her sisters, Nan and Edna; and her brothers, Herman, Ben, Roy, and Pete; and

WHEREAS, her memory will be forever cherished by her daughter, Joyce Burchett High and her husband, Dr. Bill High; her sons, Charles R. Burchett, Jr., and his wife, Dr. Rocio Huet, and our former colleague and current Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett; her six grandchildren, Billy, Charlie, and David High, Ann Kirby, Sam Burchett, and Codee Fineburg; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Burchett 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joyce Hicks Burchett, 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 Joyce Hicks Burchett.

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