

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Betty Ann Terrell  
Cunningham of Boma.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Betty Ann Terrell Cunningham; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cunningham 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, a woman of many talents, Ann Cunningham graduated and received an art scholarship from Wilbur Wright High School in Dayton, Ohio, after which she worked at a local newspaper, Wilbur Wright Aerial Institute, Georgia Shoe Company, Elmores Grocery, a chiropractic office, in Putnam County education, and finally in sales and public relations at J.C. Penney for fourteen successful years; and

WHEREAS, in December 1944, she married her husband, Clyde, with whom she enjoyed sixty-two years of matrimonial bliss until his passing on October 18, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian throughout her life, Mrs. Cunningham served with her husband as senior pastor for the Boma First Church of God for twenty-seven years, and together they conducted more than 1,000 weddings, funerals, and more than 1,000 combined state meetings, revivals, conventions, and seminars in thirteen states; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cunningham was an active member of various community organizations, such as the Kentucky Colonels and the Christian Women Connection, an international women's mission association, from which she received the Oak Leaf Award in recognition of her service; and

WHEREAS, she was also a proud fan of the Kentucky Wildcats, always sporting the colors of blue and white, and she received many recognitions from Head Basketball Coach John

Calipari, including a personal letter, an autographed picture, and a phone call in late 2012 expressing his appreciation for her many years of support; and

WHEREAS, born on August 30, 1927 in Ashland, Kentucky, Mrs. Cunningham was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Lula Bryant Terrell, and her beloved husband, Reverend Clyde E. Cunningham; and

WHEREAS, her memory will forever be cherished by her daughters, Jo Frazier and her husband, Ed, Jeanie Lee and her husband, Winnell A. "Tony", Sherry Jones, and Gayle Cunningham; her son, Clyde Cunningham, Jr., and his companion, Edith Ealey; her grandchildren, Beth Ann Kelley, Shea Lee, Jason Lee, Sean Harley, DeCher Harley, Angela Eads, Shane Watson, and Leslie Anderson; and her great-grandchildren, Parker and Paisley Kelley, Jay and Logan Lee, Elliott and Audrey Lee, Austin and Jacob Harley, Annagayle Harley, and Alaine and Macy Watson; and

WHEREAS, Ann Cunningham 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Betty Ann Terrell Cunningham, 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. Cunningham.

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