

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 415

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Henrietta Arnold Grant of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Henrietta Arnold Grant; and

WHEREAS, Henrietta Arnold Grant 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, Ms. Grant served with acumen and alacrity as an educator and community leader in Knox County, for which she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, beginning her career as a librarian first for Knoxville College and in Knox County Schools, Ms. Grant later served Oak Ridge High School as dean of students-vice principal of student affairs for twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, Henrietta Grant's impressive leadership skills were integral to her principalship at Austin-East High School, where she was highly praised for leading efforts to construct a new facility for a magnet school for the performing arts and honored with one of Tennessee's five Milken educator awards in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grant's passion for expanding opportunities for young people helped in the development of TeenWork: a partnership between Austin-East High School and the Knoxville Utilities Board, which provided students with training and summer employment; and

WHEREAS, despite retiring from the Knox County School System in 1998, Henrietta Grant continued to pursue public service as the community relations manager for the Knoxville Utilities Board, secretary of the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority board of commissioners, and elected treasurer of the Airport Council International; and

WHEREAS, during her extensive career, Ms. Grant also served as a member of the boards of directors for the United Way, the East Tennessee Foundation, the Knoxville Botanical Gardens, Project Grad, and the Young Women's Christian Association; and

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

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband of forty years, Lorenzo Grant, Ms. Grant is survived by her daughter, Kathi Grant Willis; and

WHEREAS, Henrietta Grant 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 the members of 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Henrietta Arnold Grant, 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 Henrietta Grant.

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