

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 870

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Annie Clay Brown of Henderson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Annie Clay Brown; and

WHEREAS, Annie Brown 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 in Henderson on February 6, 1934, Annie Clay Brown was the fourth child of Henry and Zelma Bass; she was a 1951 graduate of Chester County Training School; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years, Annie Brown served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of the State of Tennessee at Western State Mental Hospital, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Annie Brown was a member of Saulters Chapel A.M.E. Church and later became an active and devout member of Henderson Church of God in Christ, which she served faithfully for many years in a host of positions, including Sunday School teacher, licensed missionary, church secretary, hospitality president, president of the Church Mother Board, and state register for Young People Willing Workers (YPWW) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Audley King; and

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

WHEREAS, Annie Clay Brown will be fondly remembered by her sister, Betty Williams; her children, Larry Brown, Dexter Brown, Dennis Brown, Gloria Holiday, Sylvia Flowers, and Audria Dunn; her grandchildren, Maria Holiday, Desmond Ingram, Dantrail Brown, Dannette

Holiday, Felicia Brown, Frank Holiday, Jr., Shonterria Barham, Jasmine Brown, Henrietta Brown, Anicia Brown, Denise Brown, Ellis Brown, Dominique Brown, LaWanna Holiday, Dimitric Brown, Cliff Brown, and Edward Reeves; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by her loving husband, Parnell Brown; her brothers, Ray Bass and Robert Bass; and her son Danny Brown; and

WHEREAS, Annie Brown 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Annie Clay Brown, 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. Brown.

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