

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 40

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Suda Paulette Gunter of Byrdstown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Suda Paulette Gunter; and

WHEREAS, Suda Gunter 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 New Castle, Indiana, on February 17, 1946, Suda Gunter was the daughter of Samuel Alex Mercer and Effie Gertrude Carr Mercer; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gunter was an active and devout member of Grace Fellowship in Albany, Kentucky; and

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

WHEREAS, Suda Gunter is survived by her daughters, Paulette Maynard and husband, Freddie, Sharon Slaven and husband, Mike, and Brenda Sims and husband, Wendell; her son, Ronnie Stewart and wife, Mary; her sister, Willoudene Smith and husband, Glen; her brother, Paul Mercer and wife, Nikki; her sister-in-law, Jama Mercer; and nine grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family members; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gunter was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Junior Lee Gunter; her great-grandson, Matthew Thomas Maynard; her sisters, Barbara Lowhorn and Anna Thompson; and her brothers, R.D. Mercer, Earl Mercer, Carey Mercer, and Dale Mercer; and

WHEREAS, Suda Gunter 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Suda Paulette Gunter, 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. Gunter.

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