

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 742

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Elizabeth Blair Allen Daniel of Kingston Springs.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Elizabeth Blair "Betty Blair" Allen Daniel; and

WHEREAS, Betty Blair Daniel 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 highly respected member of the Kingston Springs community, Mrs. Daniel founded The Ark, a community resource center that provides a number of programs for the residents of South Cheatham County; on January 26, 2020, The Ark will dedicate its new food bank addition in honor of Betty Blair Daniel, who designed, implemented, and oversaw the completion of the food bank; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Daniel was a passionate advocate for social justice, and she worked ceaselessly to improve the lives of the underprivileged and less fortunate through her work with The Ark and Room in the Inn, in addition to other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Daniel was an active and devout member of Kingston Springs United Methodist Church; she served in many valuable committee roles through the years and coordinated the renovation of the 130-year-old church; and

WHEREAS, an adventurous spirit, she traveled across Europe with her husband, sister, and close friends, learning about different cultures and ways of life; and

WHEREAS, she attended five colleges in her lifetime, Vanderbilt University, Boston University, Tulane University, the University of Mississippi, and Trevecca Nazarene University,

and earned multiple degrees, including a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Education; and

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

WHEREAS, she will be lovingly remembered by her husband of thirty-three years, John Paul Daniel; her brothers, Jack Allen and Ralph Allen; her sister, Mary Gardner Thurman; and a host of family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Eda Larsen Allen and John Clarence Allen, Jr.; her maternal grandparents, Dr. Ralph Michael Larsen and Vee Larsen; her paternal grandparents, Nell Gardner Allen Lake and John Clarence Allen; her paternal step-grandfather, John Caldwell Lake; her aunts, Bebe Larsen Hogue and Michael Larsen Anderson; and her cousin, William J. Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Betty Blair Daniel 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 we should 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 Elizabeth Blair "Betty Blair" Allen Daniel, 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. Daniel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.