

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 383

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor Lyda Mae Hooper, Lewis County's Best Woman for 2019.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize a lady who has earned the respect and admiration of her family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Lyda Mae Hooper was recently selected Best Woman for 2019 by the readers of the *Lewis County Herald* as part of the newspaper's "Best of Lewis County" awards; and

WHEREAS, Lyda Mae Sharp Hooper is one of nine children born to the late Jasper "Pap" Owen and Sarah Marie Hensley Sharp; and

WHEREAS, she was united in marriage with Herman Hooper for nearly forty-five years before his passing in 1995; together, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper raised seven children in Lewis County: Martha Ann Hooper Warnken, Wanda Kay Hooper McCann, Herman Lee Hooper, Debbie Hooper Tracy, Sheila Hooper Flowers, Gwendolyn Hooper Shirley, and Vicki Hooper Colley; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hooper has also been blessed with seventeen grandchildren, thirty-nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, her formal education was interrupted when she married and started a family, but she retained her love of learning and persevered to earn her GED certificate at the age of fifty; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hooper entered the work force after her youngest child entered school and worked for several local businesses; and

WHEREAS, she possesses a green thumb and thus loves flowers and gardening; at the age of eighty-four, she is still an adventurous traveler, having ridden a motorcycle, helicopter, and hot air balloon; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hooper loves our military and the American flag, sporting events of all types, reading, and entertaining family and friends in large numbers; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian who reads the Bible daily, she is a longtime member of The Sanctuary United Pentecostal Church, which she has served as a Sunday school teacher, ladies' ministry secretary, and women's director; and

WHEREAS, Lyda Mae Hooper is an outstanding citizen of the Volunteer State and is richly deserving of this body's approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Lyda Mae Hooper upon being selected Best Woman for 2019 by the readers of the *Lewis County Herald* and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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