

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 497

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Rebecca Lynne "Becky" Calfee of Knox County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Rebecca Lynne "Becky" Calfee; and

WHEREAS, Becky Calfee 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 on May 20, 1953, in Knoxville, Mrs. Calfee graduated from Gibbs High School in 1971; that same year, she married the love of her life, Ronald Deane "Ronnie" Calfee; and

WHEREAS, Becky Calfee was the owner of the Hen House and Calfee Farms, and since August 1998, she had been employed at Roane State Community College; most recently, she served as a full-time adjunct instructor, having previously retired from the institution; and

WHEREAS, for the more than twenty years that she worked at Roane State Community College, Mrs. Calfee taught emergency medical services (EMS) courses; she was a compassionate, dedicated educator who cared deeply for her students, often buying meals for those who could not otherwise afford them; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Calfee devoted much of her life to serving her community as an emergency medical technician (EMT) and paramedic; she received her initial EMT licensure in 1996 and completed the Paramedic Technical Certificate program at Roane State Community College in 2000; and

WHEREAS, a trusted and respected professional in her field, Becky Calfee served as an executive board member for the Tennessee EMS Education Association; she proved herself a capable leader and was integral in coordinating the annual conference that is required of all

EMS educators in the State. She also worked closely with the Health Occupations Students of America organization, speaking at the annual conference on multiple topics; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Becky Calfee was named the 1999-2000 Roane State Paramedic of the Year, and she was the recipient of the 2012-2013 Roane State Outstanding Administrator Award; and

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

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of nearly five decades, Ronnie Calfee, and was the proud mother of Nathan, Jeremy, and Matthew Calfee and the devoted grandmother of Austin, Bailey, Teagon, Tate, Emily, Cameron, Carly, Braxton, Turner, Haley, and Gibson Calfee; and

WHEREAS, Becky Calfee 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Rebecca Lynne "Becky" Calfee, 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. Calfee.

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