

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 524

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Paula Elaine Hicks Platt  
of Selmer.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Paula Elaine Hicks Platt; and

WHEREAS, born on September 21, 1936, to Paul Hernando Hicks and Annie Elaine Brower Hicks, Paula Platt 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 native of Memphis, Mrs. Platt graduated *cum laude* from the University of Memphis in 1958 with a degree in marketing and journalism; she served as president of the Delta Zeta Sorority and excelled in golf, tennis, track, and basketball; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Platt served with acumen and alacrity in various positions with the New Orleans, Louisiana, and Memphis City School Boards; later in life, she became the first female Certified Financial Planner in Tennessee and worked as a Series 7 stockbroker for both A.G. Edwards and Prudential Bache before starting her own private business as a financial planner and tax consultant in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Paula Platt was an active and devout member of the Selmer First United Methodist Church, which she served faithfully for many years as a member of the Fellowship Sunday School Class, choir member, and leader of adult Bible study programs; she was a certified Lay Speaker in many churches in Florida and Tennessee; and

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

WHEREAS, she is survived by her loving husband of nearly sixty years, William S. "Bill" Platt; three sons, Paul Standing "Stan" (Michelle) Platt, William Rhodes (Jenny) Platt, and

David Breckenridge (Christine) Platt; seven grandchildren, Rob (Jessica) Platt, Rachel Platt (Jonathan) Eyres, Julia Platt, Gabrielle (Ben) McChesney, P.J. Platt, Becca Platt, and Dominick (Kaitlyn) Platt; and seven grandchildren, Noah, Aiden, Zoey, Sterling, Ivy, Etta, and Ellis; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, David Lloyd Hicks; and

WHEREAS, Paula Platt 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 Paula Elaine Hicks Platt, 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. Platt.

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