

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 844

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bonnie Johnson Morris of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bonnie Johnson Morris; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Morris 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 December 11, 1934, Bonnie Morris was the daughter of Reuben Sterling Johnson and Evon Miller Johnson; and

WHEREAS, she attended Fayette County School, where she was an outstanding basketball player; she met her future husband, Bobby Clyde Morris, while in high school, and the two were married on May 23, 1952; and

WHEREAS, the young couple's life together was delayed while Bobby Morris served in the United States Air Force; upon his return home, the Morrises started a family and began working in the family business, Grady Morris & Son, which business they later purchased and where Mrs. Morris served as company secretary for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, a woman of faith, she was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Somerville; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed crocheting afghans for family and friends, playing golf with her ladies' group, and spending time with her family; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morris was the proud mother of Laina Skelton, Bob Morris, and Keith Morris; the loving grandmother of Adrian Morris, Shawn Morris, Katrina Baggott, Paul Morris, Nick Markle, Lauren Langfield, Madison Morris, and Scott Morris; and the doting great-grandmother of Conner Morris, Brixton Bishop, Cullen Morris, Wyatt Morris, Luke Baggott, Logan Baggott, and Grady Markle; and

WHEREAS, she is further survived by her brothers, Reuben Johnson and Billy Johnson, and a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of sixty-six years, Bobby Clyde Morris; her parents; two sons, Bobby Clyde Morris, Jr., and Michael Morris; her sister, Vivian Key Davies; and a grandson, Jonathan Markle; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Morris 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 Bonnie Johnson Morris, 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. Morris.

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.