

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 859

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mary Louise Wainwright-Hammond of Somerville.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Louise Wainwright-Hammond; and

WHEREAS, born on January 28, 1932, to Lucy Wainwright and Taff Finnie, Mary Wainwright-Hammond 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, Ms. Wainwright-Hammond served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of the State of Tennessee, earning the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work. She retired from the Tennessee Technology Center in Whiteville in 2002, having previously served for over ten years at John S. Wilder Youth Center; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout member of Morris Chapel C.M.E. Church, which she served faithfully for over twenty years as church secretary and as a stewardess; and

WHEREAS, known in Fayette County as "the original pie lady," she worked at The Hut for several years; her rolls and pies were highly regarded as the best in the county by those lucky enough to have enjoyed her cooking; and

WHEREAS, Mary Wainwright-Hammond 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 son, Captain Wendell E. Wainwright of the United States Public Health Service; her cousin, Kathryn H. Perry; three stepdaughters, Ruby Carnes,

Wanda Faye Carnes, and Regina Harris; two brothers-in-law, Rev. George Finnie and Paul Finnie; and a host of extended family and close friends; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wainwright-Hammond 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 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 Mary Louise Wainwright-Hammond, 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 Ms. Wainwright-Hammond.

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.