

SENATE RESOLUTION 111

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Brigitte Louise Jacobson of Baltimore, Maryland.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Brigitte Louise Jacobson; and

WHEREAS, Brigitte Jacobson 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, the daughter of a Marine Corps Captain, Brigitte Louise Jacobson was born on May 3, 1973, on Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Monmouth Regional High School, where she won the New Jersey state championship in the 400m hurdle her freshman year; she graduated from Norfolk State University with a bachelor's degree in English and later obtained a Master of Liberal Arts degree with a focus on photography from the University of Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, a self-described "Marine brat," Brigitte Jacobson followed in her father's military footsteps; she enrolled in the Norfolk State University ROTC program, where she served as Battalion Commander of the Hampton Roads Naval ROTC Battalion, one of the largest ROTC training battalions in the country; and

WHEREAS, she was then commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy and selected for the aviation program, making her one of only a few black female pilots in the Navy; she was stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, where she was assigned to fly the E-6B. She went on to become an Aircraft Commander, Mission Commander, Instructor Pilot, and Pilot Evaluator; for her final years in the service, she served as the Administration Officer

for the strategic communications wing and was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant Commander; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the Navy, Mrs. Jacobson moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where she soon became a leader in the community through her membership with such groups as Baltimore Attachment Parenting (BaltAP), The La Leche League, The Baltimore Food Makers Group, the Sierra Club, The Mom's Clean Air Force (MCAF), and the League of Women Voters; she joined The Enterprise Women's Network Girls' Mentoring Program and later became its co-captain and a member of its leadership group; and

WHEREAS, Brigitte Jacobson 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, Mike; her two children, Nicholas and Noah; her parents, Claude and Janette Lott; her sisters, Tracy Williams and Kelly Bridgeforth; and a host of family and close friends; and

WHEREAS, Brigitte Jacobson 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, that we honor the service and memory of Brigitte Louise Jacobson, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her selfless devotion to her country, 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. Jacobson.

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