

SENATE RESOLUTION 120

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Shirley Franks Kelley of Bolivar.

WHEREAS, the members of this body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Shirley Franks Kelley; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Kelley 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 in Flatwoods, on May 27, 1940, Shirley Kelley was the eldest of five children born to Jimmy and Lessie Holt Franks; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1973, she was united in marriage with David Kelley; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelley worked in the garment and manufacturing industry around the Clifton and Waynesboro areas for many years; in 1989, she and her husband moved to Selmer and opened Bale Fashions; a few years later, they opened a second location in Henderson, which was her passion and vocation until her passing; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelley was an accomplished seamstress and earned the respect of her customers and community for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, a woman of faith, Mrs. Kelley was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church in Clifton and served faithfully for many years as a Sunday school teacher; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelley enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of forty-six years, Larry David Kelley; she was the proud mother of Pam Riley, Mike Riley, and Jeff Kelley;

the loving grandmother of Tiffany Brown, Hunter Riley, Lydia Kelley, and Luke Kelley; and the doting great-grandmother of Ian Brown, Elijah Brown, and Jason Brown; and

WHEREAS, she is further survived by her siblings, William Franks and Dexter Webster, and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, EJ Franks and Gene Franks; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelley 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 body 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 memory of Shirley Franks Kelley, 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. Kelley.

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