

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 443  
By Wilder

A RESOLUTION to honor Ms. C. Elma Motley on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body specially recognize those who in their years of work have performed their duties with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion and have realized important milestones in their distinguished careers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. C. Elma Motley is one such outstanding person who has served as Director of the Whiteville Senior Citizen Center with alacrity and acuity for more than 20 fruitful years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Hardeman County, Ms. Motley was an educator for many years, giving unreservedly of herself to help develop this state's most precious natural resource: our children; Ms. Motley also contributed her valuable time to the Motley-Rivers Funeral Home, the business she and her husband successfully owned and operated; and

WHEREAS, after her retirement, Ms. Motley realized the need for an area Senior Citizen Center in Whiteville and worked diligently to establish the first Senior Center, located in the old Cannery Building; Ms. Motley became a champion of the new Senior Center, lobbying hard for funding for the new endeavor; and

WHEREAS, with her tireless efforts, the City of Whiteville began to provide funding for the center in the late 1970s and helped to build the new center in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Motley's dedication to the center was evident as she used her own money to furnish the center and served the center as its popular and highly regarded Director; and

WHEREAS, this fine lady has served the center and its seniors with enthusiasm, industry and singular acumen for more than 20 years, and the remarkable success of the center is directly attributable to Ms. Motley and her exemplary efforts; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 93, Ms. Motley exemplifies the spirit of the Volunteer State that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; she is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish her and is tremendously admired by everyone in the Whiteville community; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 1996, Ms. Motley will answer the tantalizing call of retirement, one month before her 94th birthday celebration; it is therefore appropriate that as elected representatives of the state of Tennessee we should honor Ms. Motley for her years of outstanding service to the people of her community and our great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we express to Ms. C. Elma Motley our most sincere appreciation for her selfless contributions to Whiteville, Hardeman County, and the entire state, and we extend to her our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

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

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