

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 41

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Evelyn Joyce Potts Carter.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Evelyn Joyce Potts Carter of Mt. Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Carter 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, Mrs. Carter was a skilled cook and an adept gardener, cultivating a welcoming space both within and without her home, and she spent her leisure well by savoring precious moments of natural beauty, such as the hummingbirds that would flit to her feeder; and

WHEREAS, she truly embodied and fostered the talents given to her and lightened the world in which she lived through her love of song and dance; and

WHEREAS, thoughtful of both this world and the next, Mrs. Carter was a faithful woman and a charter member of the Southside Baptist Church; and

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

WHEREAS, Evelyn Carter will be sadly mourned yet fondly remembered by her children, Pam (Barry) Smithmier, Maury (Stacy) Colvett, and Tommy Colvett; her sister, Betty Barker; her grandchildren, Patrick Colvett, Amber Pippin, Brittany Bryant, Hogan Smithmier, Carolina Smithmier, Crystal Colvett, Breanne Colvett, John Colvett, Maury Lee Colvett, Jr., Payne Colvett, and Clayton Colvett; and her great-grandchildren, Cadence McKennon, Kaegan McKennon, Ryker Parham, Peyton Colvett, Paisley Colvett, Kyson Noble, Layton Bryant, Luke

Bryant, Mason Bryant, Chase Pippin, Scarlet Colvett, Gabriel Colvett, Jax Hunter, Evelyn Colvett, Tripp Colvett, Matthew Colvett, and Giles Colvett; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Bill Potts and Lorene Maxwell Ferguson, she was preceded in death by her husband, Rupert Carter; her granddaughter, Kerri Beth Stowell; her great-grandson, MJ Colvett; and her stepfather, Larrimore Ferguson; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Carter 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 remember the bountiful life of this exceptional woman and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Evelyn Joyce Potts Carter, 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. Carter.

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.