

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 165

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mary Elizabeth Cotter of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Elizabeth Cotter; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cotter 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, Mary Cotter, born Mary Wallace, was born in Maryville on January 16, 1925, to William and Edith Wallace. She graduated from Maryville High School in 1943 and married the love of her life, Hubert E. Cotter, a year later in 1944; and

WHEREAS, Mary and Hubert Cotter enjoyed seventy-one years of marriage and shared five children: Liz Cotter Miller, Don Cotter, Susan Cotter Anderson, Ken Cotter, and Bill Cotter; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout member of Clover Hill Presbyterian Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cotter 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 children, Liz Miller, Susan Anderson, Ken Cotter, and Bill Cotter; her grandchildren, Scott Anderson, Stacy Anderson, Ann Miller Helmick, Laura Miller McCall, Eric Cotter, Steve Cotter, Lucas Cotter, and Jenna Cotter Daller; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her siblings, Bill Wallace, Evelyn Wallace Humphrey, and Barbara Wallace Rickard; a son, Donald Cotter; and a granddaughter, Sarah Miller; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Cotter 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 General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant 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 Mary Elizabeth Cotter, 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. Cotter.

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.