

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 251

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Marjorie Ann Bowser
"Marjie" Mahar.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Marjorie Ann Bowser "Marjie" Mahar, a model citizen whose every endeavor exhibits her commitment to tradition, honor, faith, and freedom; and

WHEREAS, born in New Kensington, Pennsylvania, Marjie Mahar is the youngest of eight children born to Warren and Virginia Bowser; she attended a private Christian high school in South Carolina and continued her education in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to become a licensed practical nurse; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mahar also studied in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at what is now called Cornerstone University, where she met her husband, Robert; the two have been married for nearly fifty-six years and have been blessed with four children and their spouses, five grandchildren, and grand puppies; and

WHEREAS, Marjie and Robert Mahar are active members of Temple Baptist Church in White House; Mrs. Mahar is also a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution General Jethro Sumner Chapter, which she current currently serves as chaplain; and

WHEREAS, Marjie Mahar is extremely proud of her rich heritage, which she traces back to the Revolutionary War; before, during, and after the Korean War, four of her five brothers served in the military, as well as her two brothers-in-law; and

WHEREAS, one of her brothers, Private First Class Roland Bowser, gave the ultimate sacrifice, as he was captured in North Korea on November 2, 1950, and spent the remaining months of his young life as a prisoner of war, until his death in June 1951; and

WHEREAS, to honor his memory, Mrs. Mahar read a letter she had written to her deceased brother at the War Memorial in Seoul, South Korea, on Memorial Day in 2019; a copy of her letter, written in Korean, was placed on the chair of every guest, so that, as she read her letter aloud, the Korean War veterans and military members would be able to read it in their own language; and

WHEREAS, she believes one of her missions in life is to keep Roland's memory alive by sharing her family's story, sharing the poignant epic of family, love of God and country, sacrifice, and America's contribution to freedom throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the success of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Marjie Mahar, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Mahar for her many contributions to honoring service members and serving those in her community; and

WHEREAS, Marjie Mahar is a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Marjorie Ann Bowser "Marjie" Mahar for her many contributions to those in this State and beyond, extending our best wishes for her every continued success.

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.