

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 300

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Josephine McKinney upon her induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame.

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

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Josephine McKinney, who was recently inducted into the Rockwood Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Rockwood Hall of Fame exists to recognize, celebrate, and honor those exemplary individuals who have distinguished themselves through their success in public service, honorable military service, professional accomplishments, contributions to the community, and personal achievements, and Mrs. McKinney's lifetime of excellence in all her endeavors is surely deserving of such recognition; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McKinney is a woman of integrity who embodies the best of her community; and

WHEREAS, with a kind and giving heart, she always reaches out to help those less fortunate within the Rockwood community; and

WHEREAS, she is married to her beloved husband, Eugene McKinney, and their union has been blessed with four children; and

WHEREAS, with hard work and dedication, Josephine and Eugene McKinney owned and operated McKinney's Grocery in the Glen Alice community; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as the "Egg Lady," she also ran a layer-hen operation and delivered eggs for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McKinney was a columnist for the *Rockwood Times* for forty-five years, earning the respect of her colleagues and readers alike for the exceptional quality of her articles; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community who always works to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens, Mrs. McKinney has held membership for several years in numerous civic and community organizations including the Roane County Farm Bureau, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Rockwood Clothes Closet, and the Home Demonstration Club; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McKinney has faithfully served Chevront Methodist Church for many years as a devoted member, Sunday school teacher, and pianist; and

WHEREAS, she is known for her solid Christian belief, her service and love, and her role as a reservoir of faith and outreach to the people of her community; and

WHEREAS, possessing a vitality and a zest for life that is extraordinary for a person of any age, Mrs. McKinney enjoys participating in her favorite hobbies including gardening, writing, reading, cooking, and sewing; and

WHEREAS, Josephine McKinney epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Josephine McKinney for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Josephine McKinney upon her induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame, honor and commend her for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

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