

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 523

By Freeman

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Evelyn Marie Dieckhaus of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the tragic death of Evelyn Marie Dieckhaus; and

WHEREAS, born on August 2, 2013, Evelyn Dieckhaus was the daughter of Katy and Mike Dieckhaus and the beloved younger sister and best friend of Eleanor Dieckhaus; and

WHEREAS, a model student at The Covenant School, Evelyn was a cheerful, engaging child for whom affection and empathy were second nature; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Dieckhaus was a friend to everyone she met; she had an unwavering faith in the goodness of others, and she possessed the brilliant mind and creative spirit of an artist; and

WHEREAS, with a calm confidence and a natural sense of purpose, Evelyn knew her own mind and knew exactly who she was; a caregiver to her core, she hoped to become an occupational therapist, just like her mother, when she grew up; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn was a kind, helpful, loving, caring, and respectful child who loved to laugh and possessed a great sense of humor; she loved crafting and drawing, singing along to Taylor Swift albums, and composing her own songs on the piano, guitar, or ukulele; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn was beloved by all, and she blessed her family and friends with her glorious light; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents and sister, Evelyn Marie Dieckhaus is survived by her maternal grandparents, Kathy and Joe Richardson; her paternal grandparents, Linda and Tom Dieckhaus; a host of adoring aunts, uncles, and cousins: Kelly, Noah, Remy, and Reeve

Dorrance; Jeff, Amanda, Mary, and Emily Dieckhaus; Scott, Faye, Anabel, Amelia, and Thomas Dieckhaus; and Matthew Dieckhaus; and many friends; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn's life was lived with courage, compassion, and enthusiasm, and her kind spirit will continue to serve as an inspiration for others; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn will be sorely missed by all those who were fortunate to know and love her, and it is fitting that we should remember the effervescent life of this beloved child; 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 Marie Dieckhaus, expressing our deepest sympathy and offering our condolences to her family.

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.