

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 697

By Daniel

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jean Price Teague of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jean Price Teague; and

WHEREAS, Jean Teague 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, the daughter of Hobson Price and Edna Talbot, Ms. Teague graduated from Coffee High School in Florence, Alabama, in 1951; and

WHEREAS, after her graduation from Baptist Memorial Nursing School in Memphis, Jean Teague married Dr. Dale Teague, and the family moved to Knoxville in 1963; she fell in love with the city and was an enthusiastic supporter of the University of Tennessee's athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, first elected in 1972, Ms. Teague served as the city council member for Knoxville's second district for twenty-eight years and also as vice mayor; during her tenure, she built a legacy of tenacity, grace, and strong neighborhood advocacy and was a prominent voice in support of Knoxville hosting the 1982 World's Fair; and

WHEREAS, a nurse at Fort Sanders Hospital, Jean Teague was a tireless advocate for Knoxville; she served on the Metropolitan Planning Commission, the National League of Cities, and the Tennessee Municipal League, and she was chair of the Wrecker Services Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Teague was honored for her commitment to Knoxville and the city council when a popular greenway in West Hills Park was named in her honor in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Jean Teague was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Teague was the proud mother of Pamela Downey, Kimberly Googe, Steven Teague, and Michael "Beetle" Teague; she was the devoted grandmother of Clif Fortson, Jenna Fortson, Holly Fortson, Andrew Googe, Amy Googe, Michael Googe, Alex Teague, Chloe Teague, and Callie Teague, and the treasured great-grandmother of five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, she is lovingly remembered by her brother, John Price, and her sister, Martha Ruth Draper; and

WHEREAS, Jean Teague was preceded in death by her parents and her grandchild Cassimiro; and

WHEREAS, Jean Teague 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jean Price Teague, 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 Ms. Teague.

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