

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 975

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Donna Mathes of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Donna Mathes of Maryville; and

WHEREAS, Donna Mathes 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, a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Donna Mathes continued her public service as an employee of the U.S. Postal Service, from which she took her much-deserved retirement after an exemplary thirty-year career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mathes was an avid supporter of the Blount County Veterans Affairs Office and an active member of Ladies Auxiliary, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5154, and American Legion Post 13, which she served as vice president, secretary, and treasurer over the years; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout member of the Maryville Seventh-day Adventist Church, which she served faithfully for many years in numerous capacities; and

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

WHEREAS, a beloved family matriarch, Donna Mathes was the proud mother of Christina Mathes and Crystal Mathes and the loving grandmother of Belinda Mathes, Michael Russell II, Samantha Crawford, Makayla Suttles, and Brittany Cook; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mathes was an integral part of the lives of her eight great-grandchildren and was dearly loved by her four step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, she will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by her siblings, Grace Stephens, Fleeta Mathes, and Mayford Mathes; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her mother, Hazel Ogle; her father, James Mathes; and her siblings, Vivian Blair, George Mathes, and J.D. Mathes; and

WHEREAS, Donna Mathes 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 Donna Mathes, 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. Mathes.

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.