

HOUSE RESOLUTION 8

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Maudean Williams of Jamestown.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Maudean Williams; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was an exemplary woman and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on December 28, 1934, Maudean Williams was the daughter of Ray and Roxy Peavyhouse; at the age of seventeen, she married Ray Williams and enjoyed sixty-four years of marriage with him before his passing in 2015; and

WHEREAS, through the years, Mrs. Williams worked a variety of jobs, always endeavoring to better herself each step of the way; she worked at a dry cleaners and a garment factory before attending vocational school to learn secretarial skills; she then worked in the garment factory office, at Mundy Funeral Home, and at Neal, Craven and Romer, where she was a legal secretary; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, she partnered with her daughters to purchase Merle Norman Cosmetics and Boutique in Jamestown, which she operated for more than thirty years before handing off the day-to-day duties to her daughters; she was well-known and beloved by many and affectionately known as "the makeup lady"; and

WHEREAS, Maudean Williams had been an active and devout member of First Baptist Church of Jamestown since her childhood, and through the years, she served as a Sunday School teacher, missions leader, and member of many committees; and

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

WHEREAS, Maudean Williams is survived by her children, Donnie (Beth) Williams, Debbie Williams, and Denise (Doug) Campfield; her daughter-in-law, Adrienne Williams; her

grandsons, Troy (Katy) Williams, Todd (Jessica) Williams, Anthony (Alana) Williams, Joshua (Cassidy) Williams, and Matthew (Lexi) Williams; her great-grandsons, Drew Williams and Parker Williams; her sister, Pat Morris; her special friend and caregiver, Gennie Beaty; and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband and her parents, Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by her son, Darrell Williams, and her siblings, Willard Peavyhouse, Minnes Peavyhouse, Odetta King, and James Ray Peavyhouse; and

WHEREAS, Maudean Williams 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 we 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Maudean Williams, 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 Mrs. Williams.

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