

HOUSE RESOLUTION 57

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Tommie Featherstone
Pattat of Bartlett.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Tommie Featherstone
Pattat of Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, Tommie Pattat 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, Tommie Featherstone Pattat was born on March 12, 1932, in Maydee,
which was located on an agricultural island in the Mississippi River that would sink in a flood just
five years later; and

WHEREAS, she met the love of her life, Billy Pattat, at the age of fourteen; the couple
married in 1951 and enjoyed sixty-nine years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pattat enjoyed the adventurous life of a military wife, as her husband
served in the United States Air Force, rising to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant before his
retirement; Mr. Pattat's military assignments took the couple to San Francisco, California;
Savannah, Georgia; Tokyo, Japan; San Antonio, Texas; and Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, after her husband's retirement, Mrs. Pattat settled with her family in Bartlett,
where she became an entrepreneur and owned and operated the Pattat Quick Stop alongside
her husband; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pattat enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Billy Pattat,
and was the proud mother of Bill (Alice) Pattat, Steve (Gina) Pattat, Laura (Barry) Brandon, and
Linda (Paul) Corbet; dotting grandmother of Jennifer (Jeremy) Hawkins, Will (Madeleine) Pattat,

Michelle (Ben) Corbet, and Audrey (Tanner) Elliott; and adoring great-grandmother of Kaelin Hawkins, Jakob Hawkins, and Audrey Rose Pattat; and

WHEREAS, she will be mourned yet fondly remembered by her sisters, Laura Carraway and Bonnie Featherstone, and her brothers, Jerry (Judy) Featherstone, Sr., and Terry Featherstone; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pattat was preceded in death by her parents, Pearl Crumley Featherstone and Charles Craig Featherstone; her brother, C.W. "Wimp" Featherstone; and her aunt, Erma Beake; and

WHEREAS, Tommie Pattat 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 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 Tommie Featherstone Pattat, 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. Pattat.

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