

SENATE BILL 631

By Campbell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15,
Chapter 2, relative to days of special observance.

WHEREAS, Sister Sandra Olivia Smithson was an educator, visionary, and advocate for low-income families through education; and

WHEREAS, Sister Smithson spent sixty-seven years of her life in religious service, working in missions in both the United States and South America; and

WHEREAS, Sister Smithson returned to her hometown of Nashville in the 1980s and saw a great and critical need to better the lives of children by creating educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Sister Smithson founded Nashville's first charter school, Smithson Craighead Academy; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15, Chapter 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

March 3 of every year is observed as "Sister Sandra Smithson Day," to honor the immeasurable impact Sister Smithson had on this state by bettering the lives of children in need through the power of improved educational opportunities and the founding of Nashville's first charter school. This day is not a legal holiday as defined in § 15-1-101.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.