

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jessie Alberta Lane Wright of Kingston.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jessie Alberta Lane Wright; and

WHEREAS, Jessie Wright 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, Mrs. Wright served with acumen and alacrity as an educator for thirty-seven years, in which position she earned the respect of her peers but also of her students and their parents alike for her commitment to quality education for the children of Roane County; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Roane County High School, Jessie Wright earned her college degree at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during her teaching career with the Roane County and Harriman City School systems, Mrs. Wright served as a teaching principal at Edgewood Elementary School and also taught at Harriman Occupational High School; and

WHEREAS, Jessie Wright was an active and devout member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years in numerous capacities, including Choir Leader, Music Director, Sunday School Teacher, and Vacation Bible School Director; and

WHEREAS, a sixty-seven-year member of the Laurel Chapter #22 Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Wright was also a member of the Roane County Retired Teachers Association, Tennessee Education Association, National Education Association, Avery Trace Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and an auxiliary member of the Gideon's; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual woman who shared with others through Christian Music, Jessie Wright traveled throughout much of the Nation as a member of the Wright Family Gospel Singers for twenty years and supported Christian music locally throughout her lifetime; 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, preceded in death by her beloved husband, J.D. Wright, Mrs. Wright is survived by her three children and their spouses, Becky and Billy Long, Debby and Skip Williams, and Rusty and Cindy Wright; her grandchildren, John Matthew Wright and Sarah Caroline Wright; her sister, Ernestine Mitchell; and special friends, Emily McDonald and Polk Brown; and

WHEREAS, Jessie Wright 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 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jessie Alberta Lane Wright, 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 Jessie Alberta Lane Wright.

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