

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Virginia "Ginny" Edwards of Allardt.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Virginia "Ginny" Edwards; and

WHEREAS, Ginny Edwards 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, born in Tacoma, Washington, on December 25, 1933, Ginny Edwards served as a registered nurse in emergency rooms, operating rooms, and private practices in Ohio and Tennessee for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, when her husband, Carl Edwards, started his business, Micro Metals, Mrs. Edwards left the nursing profession and became his bookkeeper, in addition to helping with the production and delivery of products; and

WHEREAS, deeply dedicated to her family, Mrs. Edwards always took the utmost pride in fostering a professional environment within the family business and ensured that the family's clothes were ironed and pressed, the family car was washed, and her husband's briefcase was properly stocked; and

WHEREAS, Ginny Edwards's devotion to her family was absolute; after a tragic accident took the life of her elder son, Rick Edwards, and left her husband severely injured, she spent the next seventeen years caring for her husband as he learned to walk again and endured two bouts of cancer, all while helping to keep the family business running smoothly; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edwards is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Scott and Mary Alice Edwards; daughter-in-law Sue Edwards; two grandchildren, Kristen (Alex) Hamilton and

Kaeden Edwards; two great-grandchildren, Madelyn Hamilton and Olivia Hamilton; and best friend, Neva Hood; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her son Rick Edwards, Mrs. Edwards was preceded in death by her husband and her parents, Pearl and Dorothy (Harvey) Noble; and

WHEREAS, Ginny Edwards 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Virginia "Ginny" Edwards, 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. Edwards.

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