

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Linda Faye Bowling of Elizabethton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Linda Faye Bowling; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowling 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, a longtime resident of Elizabethton, her parents, Slemer D. and Bertha Holder, taught her the value of education at an early age; Mrs. Bowling was educated in the Carter County school system, graduating from Elizabethton High School in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Linda Bowling served with acumen and alacrity as an educator, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and students alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of service to others, Mrs. Bowling directed the Adult Basic Education program for twenty-seven years, improving literacy and tirelessly helping scores of people prepare and take the General Educational Development (GED) exam; and

WHEREAS, due to her outstanding effort and energy in the field of education, Mrs. Bowling was the recipient of numerous awards including the T.E.A.C. Outstanding Community Educator Award for 1991-1992, and the Sequoyah Literacy Award in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowling cultivated a long and impressive history of community service, serving as a member in several civic organizations and as a charter member in the Carter County Car Club; she received the 2007 Appreciation Award from the Carter County Car Club for her dedication and meritorious service to this most esteemed organization; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowling was an active and devout member of the East Side Free Will Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years; 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, Mrs. Bowling enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, William H. Bowling, for over forty-six years; and

WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by her three children and daughter-in-law, Ty Bowling, Todd Bowling, and Terry and Angie Bowling; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents, Selmer D. and Bertha Bowling and her infant brother, Jimmy David Holder; and

WHEREAS, a devoted sister and sister-in-law, Mrs. Bowling will be fondly remembered by Johnny and Sandra Holder, Grady and Alecia Holder, John Bowling, and Jim Bowling; and

WHEREAS, she will also be fondly remembered by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her nieces and nephews; her lifelong friend, Carolyn Jones; and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowling 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Linda Faye Bowling, 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 Linda Faye Bowling.

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