

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 214

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Hazel Kathleen Bryan Yarbrough of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Hazel Kathleen Bryan Yarbrough; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Yarbrough 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. Yarbrough was born August 2, 1922, in the community of Hillville in Haywood County; following her graduation from Haywood County High School, she married Ennis Hampton Yarbrough and was a resident of Hardeman County for most of her life; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Yarbrough worked for many years at Wells Lamont in Brownsville; after switching careers, she worked at Western State Hospital in Bolivar until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Yarbrough was an active and devout member of First Methodist Church in Whiteville, which she served faithfully for many years; she also served in many community activities and clubs and was a talented seamstress for her children's clothing; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Yarbrough was the proud mother of twin daughters, Jean Jenkins and Jane Parks; the treasured grandmother of Revonda Wack, Marcq Harris, Christopher Parks, Audra Pelsue, Elisha Vego, and Eric Jenkins; and the doting great-grandmother to her seven great-grandchildren; she is lovingly remembered by her sister, Melissa Dennison, and her special childhood friend and confidant, Esther Bendush; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-two years, Ennis Yarbrough; her daughter, Jeanette Rhodes; her parents, J.E. (Heck) Bryan, Mary Hardister

Bryan, and Cozette Bryan; her sisters, Maureen Davenport, Virginia Adams, and Mary Edwards; and her infant brother, Paul Bryan; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Yarbrough 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Hazel Kathleen Bryan Yarbrough, 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 Hazel Kathleen Bryan Yarbrough.

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