

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 225

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sandra Hewitt Lewis of Piney Flats.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Sandra Hewitt Lewis of Piney Flats; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Hewitt Lewis 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 Knoxville on June 11, 1960, Sandra Lewis was the daughter of John George "Jay" Hewitt and Helen Louise Hill Hewitt; and

WHEREAS, a 1979 graduate of Norris High School, Mrs. Lewis grew up in Heiskell; she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Sociology from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Mrs. Lewis committed her time and talents to several organizations, including Modern Supply and Ferguson Enterprises; she also served as a campaign coordinator and district staff member for Congressman Phil Roe; and

WHEREAS, best known for her giving nature and love for others, Mrs. Lewis was active in animal rescue and fundraising to support rescue initiatives through the Wags to Riches Thrift Store and other notable efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis most recently served as the treasurer of the Appalachian Highlands Humane Society; she supported feral colonies in her community and ensured that the animals were spayed or neutered, fed, and had a warm place to sleep; and

WHEREAS, a lady of many talents and interests, Mrs. Lewis dedicated her time as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and the Washington County Republican Party; she often supported efforts to help the homeless through her church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis was a cherished member of the Thursday Evening Tea and Bunco Club for Genteel Southern Ladies, and she was an active member of the East Tennessee Republican Club; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis was committed to her faith, and she was a member of Edgefield United Methodist Church; 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. Lewis will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by her beloved husband, Mark Lewis; a stepdaughter, Amber McKoy; a son-in-law, Brandon; a grandson, Xavier; a brother, Edward (Margaret) Hewitt; and a nephew, Scott Hewitt; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sandra Hewitt Lewis, 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. Lewis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

