

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 571

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Pamela Suzette Cofer Simpson of Rockwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Pamela Suzette Cofer Simpson; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Simpson 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, Pamela Simpson served with acumen and alacrity as a customer service assistant at Lowes, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Simpson was also a steadfast volunteer at her children's school, Ridge View Elementary, where she was affectionately labeled "The Classroom, Sports, Band and Color Guard, and Everyone's Mom"; and

WHEREAS, a kind and lighthearted individual, Pamela Simpson loved gardening and flowers, animals of all kinds, and the Great Smoky Mountains, especially trips to Cades Cove; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Baptist faith, Pamela Simpson was deeply devoted to her family; more than anything, she loved spending time with her treasured granddaughter, Audrey; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Simpson is survived by her husband, John Simpson; her children, Lacey Rose Simpson (Jasper) Williams and Cody (Jessica) Simpson; her grandchildren, Audrey Harper Williams and Joshua Williams; her mother, Mary Kate Cofer; her sister, Joy Belle (Bill) Burrows; her brother and sisters-in-law, Kenneth Simpson, Donna Carver, and Cindy Robinson; her uncle, Alvin Cofer; her aunts, Tootsie, Susie, Helen, Martha Jo, and Phyllis; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her father, Jimmy Cofer; her grandparents, James and Grace Cofer and Roscoe and Bella Lemons; her aunt, Sharon Cofer; and her uncle, Larry Cofer; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Suzette Cofer Simpson 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 Pamela Suzette Cofer Simpson, 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. Simpson.

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.