

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 623

By Campbell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judy Bobo Bayer of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Judy Bobo Bayer of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Judy Bayer was an exemplary individual and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on May 12, 1944, in Nashville to Mary Marlene Sullivan Bobo and James Alfred Bobo, Judy Bobo Bayer was a graduate of Hillsboro High School and attended Vanderbilt University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bayer worked in public service for most of her adult life, first from 1967-1975 in Washington, D.C., where she held staff positions for members of the U.S. House of Representatives, and later in Nashville, where she served in the mayoral administrations of Richard Fulton and Phil Bredesen; and

WHEREAS, she later served for fifteen years on the staff of the Metro Development and Housing Agency, where she played an instrumental role in the successful revival of historic districts downtown, lent her expertise to the Nashville Civic Design Center, and skillfully helped in redevelopment projects in many neighborhoods, including 12South, Germantown, and East Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bayer served as the Director of Community Relations for the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the entire duration of Phil Bredesen's tenure as Governor of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, an active part of her community, Mrs. Bayer chaired numerous nonprofit organizations and was an officer on the boards of the Nashville Women's Breakfast Club and The DISTRICT, the latter of which awarded her the Spirit of The DISTRICT Award in 2019; she was a founding member and former president of You Have The Power and was named a lifetime board member in 2019; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Bayer converted to Catholicism in 1989 and was a parishioner at the Cathedral of the Incarnation for many years and later at St. Henry Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, she was a two-term chairman of the parish council at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, a member of the Catholic Charities Board of Trustees, board member of the Nashville Catholic Women's Business League, and a dedicated volunteer for the Ladies of Charity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bayer will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by her devoted husband, David Martin Bayer, her beloved family, and a host of dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Judy Bayer 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 Judy Bobo Bayer, 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. Bayer.

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.