

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 869

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Martha Marie Couch Coursey of Gallatin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Martha Marie Couch Coursey; and

WHEREAS, Marie Coursey 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 at home in Savannah on March 21, 1924, Marie Coursey was the daughter of Carlos Garfield Couch and Rhoda Ann Bundrant Couch; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Mrs. Coursey honorably served as a Rosie the Riveter for Vultee Aircraft; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Coursey was the proud mother of Michael Emmett Coursey, Bettina Sherrie Melhus, and Linda Gail Otool; the devoted grandmother of Katherine Elizabeth, Joseph, Danny, William, Johnathon, Brandon Allen, and Jeffrey Michael; and the treasured great-grandmother of Emerson Parker Hickey, Madyson, Clair, and Olyvia; she is also lovingly remembered by a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Marie Coursey was preceded in death by her husband of twenty-six years, Emmett Clay Coursey, and her brothers and sisters, J.D. Couch, Glenn Couch, Lawrence Couch, Thomas Couch, Lola Couch Hightower, and Sarah Couch Finn; and

WHEREAS, Marie Coursey 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 Martha Marie Couch Coursey, 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. Coursey.

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