

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1082

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Angela Hope Gibson of Harriman.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Angela Hope Gibson; and

WHEREAS, Hope Gibson was a beloved member of her community who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Jack and Geneva Renfro, Hope Gibson was born in Harriman on October 25, 1952; and

WHEREAS, after obtaining a master's degree in education, Ms. Gibson taught elementary school in Roane County for thirty-six years before taking her well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, during her outstanding tenure as an educator, she taught at Emory Heights Elementary School before its closure and finished her career as a fourth-grade teacher at Midtown Elementary School, where she served as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike; and

WHEREAS, Hope Gibson was known for her loving heart, and that heart also extended to the animals she loved so much; in her retirement, she founded Roane County Paws with others who were passionate about helping animals in need, and the organization has vetted and found homes for more than 8,000 animals to date; and

WHEREAS, among the many activities she enjoyed after retiring were taking day trips with her husband, spending time with her family, listening to music, and dancing; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish her memory are her loving husband of twenty-eight years, Kenny Hughett; son, Chris Gibson; stepchildren, Amanda (Gary) Latham and Tyler (Jenny) Hughett; brother, Bobby (Bernadette) Renfro; many grandchildren, friends, and relatives; special friend, Ann McKinney; and hospice provider, Whitney Carroll; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gibson was preceded in death by her parents; and

WHEREAS, Hope Gibson 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 Angela Hope Gibson, 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. Gibson.

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.