

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1522

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Amanda "Amy" Jones Gray of Rockwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Amanda "Amy" Jones Gray; and

WHEREAS, Amy Jones Gray 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 on May 18, 1982, in Oak Ridge, Amy Gray was a loving wife, mother, sister, and daughter; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gray served with acumen and alacrity as the head of abuse investigations with the Department of Children's Services (DCS) in Roane County; a tireless advocate for children in danger, she served as a DCS supervisor in four different counties, and she further served as the team leader of Severe Abuse Investigations and a team member of CPIT for the Ninth Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, a public servant with the Department of Children's Services since 2006, Mrs. Gray positively impacted the lives of countless children, and over the years, she cultivated many strong working relationships with the Loudon County Sheriff's Office and the Loudon County Criminal Investigations Division detectives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gray was a graduate of Roane County High School in Kingston, and she received a bachelor's degree in pre-law from Middle Tennessee State University; and

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

WHEREAS, she is survived by her husband, Dwayne Gray, who serves with the Rockwood Police Department, and daughters, Genevieve "Gena" Gray and Nicole Thompson; and

WHEREAS, she is further survived by her parents, Mitchell and Stacy Jones; brothers, Jeremy Jones and Kevin Jones (Molly); and grandmother, Ruby Whittaker; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her grandparents, Noah and Minnie Jones and George Whittaker, and mother-in-law, Patricia McLees; and

WHEREAS, Amy Gray 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Amanda "Amy" Jones Gray, 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. Gray.

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.