

SENATE RESOLUTION 305

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ada Mae East of Rockwood.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ada Mae East; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. East was a loving and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend who was renowned for her cakes and pies, which she gifted to others, bringing them and her immense joy; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of the Glen Alice community of Rockwood, Ada Mae East was born on June 2, 1937, to Charlie and Jessie Gaddis; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. East served as a teacher's aide at Ridge View Elementary School in Rockwood for many years and, prior to that, was a longtime employee of Burlington Industries Hosiery Mill and the Rockwood Coca-Cola Bottling Works; and

WHEREAS, she volunteered as a poll worker for many years with the Roane County Election Commission, serving primarily at her beloved Glen Alice precinct; she also enjoyed selling Avon and was an avid supporter of and partner with her husband, Roane County Commissioner Benny East, serving the citizens of the 5<sup>th</sup> Civil District and Roane County for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, a woman of faith, she was an active member of Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as treasurer for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. East 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 loving husband of sixty years, Benny East; children, Dewayne (Angela) East and Tammy (Darryl) Caswell; grandchildren, Nicholas (Rachel) East, Sarah Reid, and Bradley Caswell; great-grandchildren, Audrey East and Kingston Mayes; sister,

Margie Crabtree; sisters-in-law, Mary Gaddis and Jean Meredith; brother- and sister-in-law, David and Linda East; and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and special friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Charles Gaddis; sister, Bettie Moore; sisters-in-law, Mary Stolz and Elizabeth Shelton; and brothers-in-law, James East and Robert Dean; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. East 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 we 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, that we honor the memory of Ada Mae East, 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. East.

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