

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mildred Bradshaw Ford of Mount Carmel.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mildred "Poodle" Bradshaw Ford; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ford 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, from 1987 until 1996, Mrs. Ford served with acumen and alacrity as a Mount Carmel alderman and, between 1992 and 1996, she rendered sterling service as the town's vice mayor, in which positions she earned the respect of her peers and community members alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, born in Hawkins County, Poodle Ford was a proud member of the Hawkins County Democratic Committee and was an active and devout member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for a number of years; and

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

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of fifty-nine years, Enoch Ford, and was the proud mother and mother-in-law of Bobby and Kubie Ford; and

WHEREAS, Poodle Ford will be sorely missed by her grandson, Robert Ford, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ford 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 remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mildred Bradshaw Ford, 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. Ford.

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