

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 42

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Vicki Kay Guess Griffith of Clinton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Vicki Kay Guess Griffith; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Griffith was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional in the oil and natural gas industry who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffith served with acumen and alacrity as chair of the Tennessee Oil and Gas Company, and through her work she created an enduring legacy in the State's oil and natural gas industry and oilfield communities; and

WHEREAS, her energy, enthusiasm, leadership, and spirit enabled and emboldened her to successfully advance the cause of these energy resources throughout the State and across the nation and effectively advocate on behalf of all of Tennessee's independent oil and gas producers; and

WHEREAS, in May 2012, the board of directors of the Tennessee Oil and Gas Association elected Mrs. Griffith chair of the board, in which position she served as the organization's first female leader; she ended her second consecutive term in that position in May 2014; and

WHEREAS, growing ever mindful of future workforce demands in her field, Mrs. Griffith established the Tennessee Oil and Gas Association Scholarship in 2011, and her fundraising efforts to underwrite student scholarships were highly successful; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Griffith was an active and devout member of Calvary Baptist Church in Williamsburg, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, born April 9, 1950, in Maryville, Missouri, she was one of three children born to Viola Brown Guess and the late Richard Guess; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Guess Griffith was deeply committed to her family and was selfless in her love of and devotion to them; always and in every way, she endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Ronnie H. Griffith, and was the proud mother and mother-in-law of Michael Nakonechney, Tricia Nakonechney and Alex Lefco, Kim and Rodgie Monhollen, Stacy and Chris Marlow, Heather Hornsby, and Jason and Jessica Adkins; and

WHEREAS, the progeny of Mrs. Griffith includes grandchildren Tiana Nakonechney, Brittany Tully, U.S. Army Specialist Ean Griffith, Gage Griffith, Cole Monhollen, Raysa Marlow, Logan Marlow, Seth Lowe, Deanna Hornsby, Brody Hornsby, Lauren Salyers, Christian Adkins, and Jaylee Adkins and great-grandson Greyson Settles; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years of her life, Vicki Griffith surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious woman, and in all walks of life, she will be forever remembered for her warm spirit, fierce devotion, and cheerful nature; and

WHEREAS, she 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 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Vicki Kay Guess Griffith, 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. Griffith.

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