

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 170

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mary Elizabeth Ross Reel of Rogersville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Elizabeth Ross Reel; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reel 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 November 5, 1917, she was the daughter of David Ott Ross and Sarah Elizabeth McAmis Ross; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Rogersville, Mrs. Reel was educated in the Greene County School system and was a graduate of Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, a retired teacher, she taught for several years at Hardins View Elementary School and Hawkins County Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reel was an active and devout member of the Rogersville Presbyterian Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Ross Reel was a member of First Families of Tennessee, an organization whose members can trace their ancestry to a family living in Tennessee before 1796; and

WHEREAS, an avid reader, Mrs. Reel also loved traveling, cooking, and working in her flower gardens; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Reel was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reel was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-three years, Frederick "Fred" William Reel, and her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Harry Reel, Harley Reel, Robert and Dean Reel, Ralph and Sarah Reel, and Elizabeth Reel Horton; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Reel was the proud mother of William "Bill" Frederick (Marti) Reel and Ann Elizabeth Reel (Joe) Davis, the loving grandmother of Sara Ours (Jimmy) Jacquez, and the doting great-grandmother of Grayson Jacquez, Jack Jacquez, and Lucian Jacquez; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Reel 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 Mary Elizabeth Ross Reel, 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 extend our deep sympathies to Mrs. Reel's family, friends, and loved ones.

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