

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 199

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of JoAnne Grafton of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of JoAnne Grafton; and

WHEREAS, JoAnne “Granny” Grafton 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, Mrs. Grafton served with acumen and alacrity as the owner of the Sweet Tooth Bakery, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and customers alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grafton was a devout member of the Westland United Methodist Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grafton was an active member of her community, and she was the former president of the Republican Women of Wilson County, a Lebanon Senior Citizens board member, and a lifetime member and honorary ambassador of the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grafton enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Orie Grafton, now deceased, and was the proud mother of Harold (Stephanie) Grafton, Bill Grafton, and Julie Brockman. She will be sorely missed by her nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, JoAnne Grafton 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 JoAnne “Granny” Grafton, 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. Grafton.

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