

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Elizabeth Craig Weaver Proctor of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Elizabeth Craig Weaver Proctor; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Proctor was an exemplary individual who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Craig Weaver Proctor was born in Nashville on June 1, 1918, to parents Elizabeth Wade and Edwin Wilson Craig; she was a graduate of the Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, attended Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, and studied at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Proctor was the first female elected to the office of Mayor of the City of Belle Meade, in which capacity she served two terms; and

WHEREAS, a champion for charitable causes, Mrs. Proctor worked with local and national organizations throughout her lifetime, and was highly regarded for her devotion to her philanthropic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Proctor's devotion to Nashville's charitable organizations included serving as a member of the board of the Nashville Symphony, the Vanderbilt Medical Center's Cancer Board, and the Canby Robinson Society; in her work with the Nashville Symphony, she established the "Concerts for Children" program for local fifth and sixth grade students; and

WHEREAS, as a horticultural enthusiast, Mrs. Proctor was an instrumental supporter and member of the Garden Club of Nashville, the Cheekwood Board of Trustees, the Cheekwood Botanical Garden Committee, the Board of American Horticultural Society, and the Garden Club of America; and

WHEREAS, during her years of service with the Garden Club of America and its local Nashville chapter, Elizabeth Proctor served as the Zone IX Director, National Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, National Chairman of the Visiting Gardens Committee, and National Vice President of the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Proctor worked to improve the lives of her fellow citizens as a member of the Board of Governors of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Board of English Speakers Union; she was also a life member of Vanderbilt Aid and appointed to the Tennessee Women's Council; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Proctor was also a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in Tennessee, the Ladies Hermitage Society, the Polk Memorial Society, the Junior League of Nashville, the Centennial Club of New York, and the Colonial Club of New York; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Proctor pursued her love of literature as a charter member and president of the literary organizations, Le Petit Salon and the International Club; and she assisted in historical research projects for the West End United Methodist Church and the Vanderbilt and Johns Hopkins Medical Centers; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Proctor received numerous honors for her service in the community, including Volunteer of the Year for the Canby Robinson Society, the Silver Hope Chest Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Guilford and Jane Dudley Award for Excellence in Philanthropy, the Garden Club of America's Creative Leadership Award for Zone IX and the Angell Collier Montague Medal for Outstanding Civic Achievements, the Tennessee Women on the Move Award, the Award of Merit from the Horticultural Society of Davidson County, and the Lifelong Sustainer Paragon Award from the Junior League of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husbands, William Cheatham Weaver, Jr. and David Young Proctor, Jr.; her parents; her son, William Cheatham Weaver III; and her brother, Cornelius A. Craig II; she is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Weaver Lane (Raleigh);

daughter-in-law, Mrs. William C. Weaver III; five grandchildren, Elizabeth Lane McAlister (Sidney), Kathryn Lane Berschback (Donald), Collins Weaver Hooper (Thomas), William Cheatham Weaver IV (Kristen), and Jane Craig Weaver Friedrich (Robert); and eleven great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Craig McAlister, Mary Roberts McAlister, Raleigh Lane Berschback, Donald Berschback III, William Cheatham Weaver V, Samuel Witt Weaver, Kathryn Eads Hooper, Margaret Livingston Hooper, Martha Myatt Hooper, Charles Cook Friedrich, and Collins Nickerson Friedrich; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Proctor will be fondly remembered by her sister, Mrs. Walter M. Robinson, Jr., and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Cornelius A. Craig II, along with a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Proctor leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity, compassion, 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Elizabeth Craig Weaver Proctor, 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. Proctor.

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