

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 294

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Susan Kaye King
Goodman of Waverly.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Susan Kaye King Goodman; and

WHEREAS, an energetic champion of many charitable and civic causes, Mrs. Goodman 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, Susan Goodman was born in Memphis on September 14, 1951, to Joseph Leon King and Madge Ruth Norris King, and moved with her family to Waverly at a young age; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Mrs. Goodman was named the valedictorian of her graduating class at Waverly Central High School, and she was honored by her peers as Miss Waverly Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Susan Goodman attended David Lipscomb College from 1969 to 1970, and graduated with a remarkable 4.0 grade point average from Tennessee Technological University in 1973, from which she received a bachelor of arts degree in English; and

WHEREAS, from 1973 to 1980, she served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher of French and English at Waverly Central High School, in which position she strove to positively influence her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a woman who brought a sense of beauty, grace, and purpose to all her chosen endeavors, Susan Goodman was crowned both Mrs. Tennessee and Mrs. America in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goodman's friendship and counsel were highly valued by all those who were fortunate to have known her, and she dedicated herself to serving the needs of her

community, most notably as the executive director of United Way for Humphreys and Benton counties from 1991 to 2015, and as a longtime member of the board of directors of Three Rivers Hospital in Waverly; and

WHEREAS, a grateful community expressed its appreciation to Susan Goodman on numerous occasions, including her receipt of the United Way of Middle Tennessee Grace Kelly Award in 1993, the Good Samaritan Award in 2000, and a host of other such prestigious honors; and

WHEREAS, Susan Goodman enjoyed the loving companionship of her devoted husband of more than 42 years, Scott Goodman, and she was the proud mother of two children: Lance Goodman and Aprille Goodman (Jimmy Carlucci); and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goodman is survived by two brothers, Jay King (Sharon) and Richard King (Lea Ann); her sister, Lisa King; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Don King; and

WHEREAS, Susan Goodman 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 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 Susan Kaye King Goodman, 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. Goodman.

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