



# State of Tennessee

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 619

By Representative Halford

and

Senator Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joye Mathes McCleish Siler of Kenton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Joye Mathes McCleish Siler; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Siler 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, Joye Siler served with acumen and alacrity as office administrator for Goodyear Tire and Rubber, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, she was born in Haywood County to William Duke "Mac" McCleish and Susie Mae Mathes McCleish on November 8, 1932, but resided in Gibson County for most of her life; and

WHEREAS, with unconditional love and unwavering faith, her parents taught her to make the most of every day and instilled in her a love for nature, reading, and music; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Kenton High School, Mrs. Siler went on to earn her degree in business from Miller Hawkins Business School in Memphis, after which she worked at the Milan Arsenal before devoting herself to her home and family; and

WHEREAS, when her children began college, she returned to work, taking a position with the engineering group that would build the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, where she would enjoy a happy and successful career for many years; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the business, she received the Goodyear Spirit Award just before entering a well-deserved and very fulfilling retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Siler was also an active and devout member of the Kenton United Methodist Church, which she served faithfully for twenty years as church organist and choir director; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her involvement in church services, she was very active in the Kenton United Methodist Women and served many times as a Dyersburg District Officer of the United Methodist Women; she and her husband, Jack, also acted as leaders of the church youth group; and

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

WHEREAS, Joye Siler enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Jack Wayne Siler, and was the proud mother of Katherine McCleish Siler Eskew and William Wayne Siler; and

WHEREAS, she will be greatly missed by her husband and children as well as her five grandchildren: Joye Eskew Ofner, Susie Eskew Blackburn, James Thomas Eskew, Sara Siler Chalona, and William Michael Siler, and her six great-grandchildren: Mary Siler Blackburn, Carmen Elizabeth Ofner, Millie Mathes Blackburn, Carsten Thomas Ofner, Jack Edward Blackburn, and Benjamin Duke Blackburn; and

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WHEREAS, with love and devotion, her family will share their cherished memories of Mrs. Siler with her seventh and eighth great-grandchildren, who are expected to arrive in February and March of 2012, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Joye Siler 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,

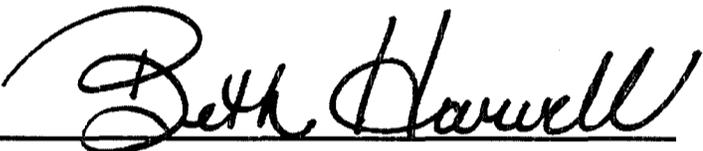
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joye Mathes McCleish Siler, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Joye Mathes McCleish Siler.

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

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ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 9, 2012

  
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR