



State of Tennessee

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 105

By Representative Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Forestine House Goodwyn of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Forestine House Goodwyn of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Forestine Goodwyn 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, "Sister," as she was affectionately known, was born on January 22, 1921, in Tate County, Mississippi, and she was the oldest and only daughter born to the blessed union of Dock and Parthenia House; and

WHEREAS, she accepted Christ at an early age at Jerusalem Baptist Church and enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Willie John Goodwyn, who preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, Sister Goodwyn served with acumen and alacrity for more than twenty years as a program assistant for the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service, and was also a member of the Urban Gardening advisory staff, winning many awards for her gardening and canning expertise during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Memphis City Schools Advisory Council under Ms. Callie L. Stevens, Mrs. Goodwyn chaired the Committee to Save Weaver School before its closing in 1972; and

WHEREAS, active in civic affairs, Forestine Goodwyn devoted her considerable talents to such organizations as the Levi City Club, Weaver Mt. Pisgah Concerned Citizens; and the Rolling Green/Mt. Pisgah Heights Citizens Programme; and

WHEREAS, she also helped establish the Food Commodity Distribution organization and was a member of the Memphis City Schools Southwest Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Sister Goodwyn was an active and devout member of the Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years as a member and advisor of the No. 2 Choir, member and supervisor of the No. 1 Choir, and she was also active in the Whitehaven District, serving as a chair of the Badge Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goodwyn was also a dedicated member of Lincoln Jessamine Chapter No. 52, Order of the Eastern Star; in addition to serving the Chapter as its Secretary for over forty-five years, she also served as Grand Princess Captain for St. Peter's Guild No. 5, and stood as Chaplain for the Excelsior Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, above all, Sister Goodwyn was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Forestine Goodwyn is survived by a loving family, including her daughter, Willa A. Goodwyn-Todd; three granddaughters, Floresatine V. Todd, Ollejantra J. Todd-DeBerry, and Willresha M. Todd; four beloved great-grandchildren; and two devoted sons whom she gained through her nurturing spirit, Roman Stewart and Carlence Campbell; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goodwyn 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

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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,

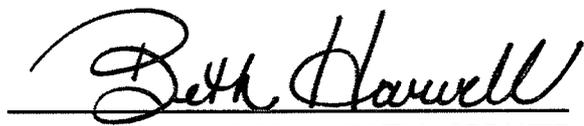
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Forestine House Goodwyn, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Goodwyn.

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: APRIL 28, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Harwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B". A horizontal line is drawn across the bottom of the signature.

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES