State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Gaynell P. Whitton of East Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Gaynell P. Whitton of East Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whitton was an exemplary human being who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Dutton, Alabama, on August 13, 1927, to Elmer and Bertha Powell, Gaynell Whitton was a graduate of Scottsboro High School; and

WHEREAS, Gaynell Whitton had been a highly respected member of the East Ridge community for many years; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of *Free Press* Credit Union for twenty-eight years, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, after taking a much deserved retirement, Mrs. Whitton was a valued member of the *Free Press* Retirees' Group; and

WHEREAS, Gaynell Whitton was an active and devout member of Brainerd Baptist Church, and she faithfully served in the Fidelis Sunday School class; and

WHEREAS, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, Mrs. Whitton was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Gaynell Whitton enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of sixty-three years, Herschel Whitton, and she is further survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Aricia Whitton; her son, Barry Whitton; and her grandchildren: Jennifer, Lauren, Julie, Alexis, Alaina, and Jake; and

WHEREAS, Gaynell P. Whitton 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 human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Gaynell P. Whitton, 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. Whitton.

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 16, 2011

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

BETH HARWELL, *SPEAKER*
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of February 2011

BILL HASLAM, *GOVERNOR*