



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 421

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sharon Trammell of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Sharon Trammell, who clearly demonstrated her love for life by both word and deed during her twenty-nine year tenure as the Director of Grace House of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, after serving estimably as State Prevention Coordinator and as Assistant Director for alcohol and drug rehabilitation at Eastern State Hospital, Mrs. Trammell moved to Memphis to begin a true labor of love with Grace House of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, embarking as the Executive Director of Grace House in 1981, Mrs. Trammell took a small "safe house" for alcoholic women who were trying to get sober and transformed that facility into a reputable, long-term, residential alcohol and drug treatment center for women, with a halfway house and extended-care programs; and

WHEREAS, a native of Oak Ridge, Mrs. Trammell received her undergraduate degree and did her graduate student work at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where, as an undergraduate, she participated in the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Trammell is survived by her devoted sister, Dianne Haralson, as well as her loving husband, Carson; her son, Brian; her stepdaughter and her husband, Katie and Dustin Slack; and her stepson and his wife, Ben and Tonya Owen, and their two children, Rhett and Parker, whom Sharon doted upon as her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Trammell was a member of and leader in private advocacy groups, such as the Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug and Other Addiction Services and the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations, as well as the Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired by her many friends and colleagues, Mrs. Trammell was a passionate and fearless woman who ferociously loved her work and her life, and she took great pride in making her community a little better place for all; her record in service stands as a monument to a life well lived; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Trammell worked tirelessly to advocate on behalf of addiction treatment services for women, and that advocacy is reflected in the face of each of the women that she showered with a level of care that permitted each one to survive and to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Trammell leaves behind an indelible legacy of strength and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all of her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of an exceptional woman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we celebrate the life and honor the memory of Sharon Trammell, reflecting fondly upon her lifelong commitment to ensuring the availability of recovery services to women suffering from the disease of addiction and commending 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. Trammell.

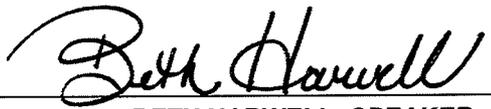
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 20, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR