



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 425

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Martha Wade Greene.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Martha Wade Greene; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Greene, a longtime resident of Harriman, was an exemplary public servant and consummate medical professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of the late J. V. and Mamie Nicely Wade, Martha Greene was born on March 25, 1923, in Biltmore, North Carolina. Her family moved frequently during the Great Depression, and she attended grade school in Gadsden, Alabama, and high school in Dublin, Georgia, but graduated from the high school in Washburn; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Greene attended Carson-Newman College before earning her Doctor of Optometry from the Southern College of Optometry in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Martha Greene was a passionate advocate for her profession, and she practiced optometry in Harriman for many years, often sharing a practice with members of her family. She shared her practice, Greene Vision Center, with her husband, Dr. Wilson M. Greene, until his death in 1974; with her nephew, Dr. Joseph Crump, from 1979 until 1984; with her daughter and son-in-law, Drs. Jackie and Tom Gunter, from 1983 until her retirement; and with her nephew, Dr. Gene Hickman; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her long and distinguished career, Dr. Greene practiced optometry in Harriman for fifty-four years until her retirement in July of 2000; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of optometry, Dr. Greene held memberships in the Tennessee Optometrist Association, the Tennessee Academy of Optometry, and the American Optometry Association, and she was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Laurel 22, for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, she attended Crossings Church in Knoxville and was a member of the Trenton Street Baptist Church in Harriman for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Martha Greene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her siblings, Erma Hickman, Iris Dillard, Mary Nell Crump, and James G. Wade; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Greene will be sorely missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Jackie Greene Gunter and Dr. Thomas Gunter, Jr.; her grandsons, Thomas Luther Gunter III and Nicholas Wilson Gunter; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, family, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martha Greene 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Martha Greene, 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 Dr. Greene.

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

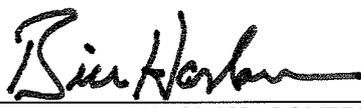


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR