

SENATE RESOLUTION 252

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sarah Margaret Alexander Easter of Kingston.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Sarah Margaret Alexander Easter; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Easter 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, Sarah Margaret Alexander Easter was born on March 10, 1935, to Benjamin Alexander and Lula Farr Alexander; and

WHEREAS, she attended Roane County High School, earning the nickname "Slew Foot" for her incredible hook shots on the basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Easter served with acumen and alacrity as a secretary for Midtown Elementary School, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; she retired in 1993, leaving her job with a sense of fulfillment and love from the children she helped; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Easter was an active and devout member of the Laurel Bluff Baptist Church, which she attended faithfully for many years, and when she was unable to attend in person, she attended virtually; she was eternally dedicated to reading her Bible and taking notes, singing hymns, and watching gospel shows; and

WHEREAS, her feisty and humorous nature was the source of much adoration from those close to her, and she always maintained a selfless attitude, endless generosity and loyalty, and a love for all living things; and

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

WHEREAS, she is survived by her daughter and caretaker, Kimberly Ruth Ann Easter Brummitt; her sister, Patsy Alexander Brown; her daughter-in-law, Cindy Easter; her son-in-law, Duane Gillis; grandchildren, Ryan Easter, Candi Easter, Maggie (Perry) Hall, Christy (Charles) Edmondson, Jason (Courtney) Rutherford, Michelle Agee, Michael Gillis, Steven (Shawna) Gillis, Joshua Brummitt, and Emma Brummitt; and great-grandchildren, Rylee, Autym, Abygael, Alayna, and Alyviah Easter, Evelyn Hall and soon-to-be-born Emilia Hall, Brooklyn Haun, Matthew and Alexander Edmondson, Sarah Kate and Liam Rutherford, Cole and Gracie Agee, Kylie, Madalyn, and Quillan Gillis, and Joshua Widner; along with a host of other family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, alongside her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of fifty-nine years, Kenneth Jackson Easter; her brother, Bennie (Mary T) Alexander; son, Kenneth Randall Easter; and daughter, Melissa LuAnn Gillis; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Easter 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 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Sarah Margaret Alexander Easter, 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. Easter.

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