

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 58

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Anne Elizabeth Hezel Thompson of Fayette County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay respectful tribute to the memory of Anne Elizabeth Hezel Thompson of Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, Anne Thompson 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, she was born in Memphis on February 23, 1920, the daughter of Walter Morris Hezel and Mary Lou Baker Hezel of St. Louis and Memphis; she graduated from Memphis Central High School and Christian College at Columbia, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, she married Dee Thompson on April 27, 1941, moved to Fayette County in 1943, and became a highly respected member of the Somerville community; and

WHEREAS, an avid reader, Anne Thompson served with acumen and alacrity as the Fayette County Librarian from 1965 to 1977; after retiring from the library, where she earned the respect of her colleagues and visitors alike for the exceptional quality of her service, she stayed very busy managing her farm operations; and

WHEREAS, since 1947, Mrs. Thompson had been a devoted communicant of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Somerville, where she served faithfully for thirty-nine years as the church treasurer; and

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

WHEREAS, Anne Thompson is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Sims Thompson Rice; sons, John Dee and George Walter Thompson; four granddaughters; and two grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Anne Elizabeth Hezel Thompson, 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 and many friends of Anne Elizabeth Hezel Thompson.

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