

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 382

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dianne Norris Donner of the RoEllen community.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dianne Norris Donner; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Donner 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, born on March 7, 1949, to George “Sonny” and Emma Jean Ashley Norris, both whom preceded her in death, Mrs. Donner was a sterling member of her community and will be fondly remembered for her many contributions; and

WHEREAS, she was a board member of the McIver’s Grant Public Library, a Girl Scout Leader, and an outstanding member of the Tennessee Walking Horse community. She raised and exhibited many horses of the breed, including one World Grand Champion, and she was duly recognized for her dedication to excellence with her induction into the Mid-South Horse Association Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Dianne Donner donated her time and skills in baking, knitting, and sewing to benefit a number of charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Donner was an active and devout member of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, which she served faithfully for many years as a Sunday school teacher; and

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

WHEREAS, Dianne Donner enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of forty-two years, Richard Donner, and was the proud mother and mother-in-law of Mary Anna and Heath Pritchett and Cheraton and Dale Dykes; and

WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by her sister and brother-in-law, Janice and Larry McCain; her brothers, Ashley E. Norris and George E. Norris; her grandchildren, Logan Dykes, JR Dykes, Grant Dykes, Ellie Pritchett, Emma Claire Pritchett, and Joe Wheeler Pritchett; her mother-in-law, Martha Donner Borthwick; her sisters-in-law, Suzanne Donner and Betsy Bloch; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Donner 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 Dianne Norris Donner, 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. Donner.

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