

SENATE RESOLUTION 11

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Peaches Manning of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Peaches Manning; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Manning 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, a native of Old Hickory, Peaches Manning was born on May 16, 1937, to Ephraim Wilson Sr. and Mary Edna Voss; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Gallatin High School, she continued her education at the Nashville Business College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Manning served with acumen and alacrity as the resident association coordinator for the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) for thirty-seven years, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Peaches Manning was an active and devout member of the Greater Saint John Missionary Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years as president of the Nurses Guild, assistant to the pastor, chair of the Greeters and Hostesses' Committee, chair of the Bereavement Committee, vice president of the King Daughters & Sons Ministry, manager of the Silvertones, advisor to the Voices Choir, president of the Sisterhood, chair of Women's Day, honorary member of the Sanctuary Choir, and member of the Mothers' Ministry. She also coordinated the Annual Appreciation Day for the pastor and minister of music, and served as president of the Health and Awareness Ministry for the Stones River District Association; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Manning enjoyed helping others in her community, serving as a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), as well as a member of the Aristocratic Ladies and the Red Hat Society; and

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

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Albert “Hollywood” Martindale and James “Pete” Wilson; sister, Jacqueline Terrell; and son, George “Honey D” French; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Manning was the proud mother of two loving and dedicated daughters, Deborah E. Marshall and Ernestine Swafford, and truly enjoyed her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family; and

WHEREAS, Peaches Manning’s love of family was uncompromising, extending to her being the godmother and “Granny” to many people in her community; and

WHEREAS, she was a devoted friend to countless people throughout Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Manning 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Mrs. Peaches Manning, 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. Peaches Manning.

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