



# State of Tennessee

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 105

By Representative Travis

And

Senators Ford, Tracey, Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Hortense Amelia "Graham" Colvard.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Hortense Amelia "Graham" Colvard; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Colvard 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, Graham Colvard was born in Greenville, Maine, on June 30, 1922; and

WHEREAS, one of her family's first to attend high school, Mrs. Colvard graduated from Greenville High School in 1940; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Colvard served with acumen and alacrity as the first Bledsoe Clerk and Master, and she served as Probate of the Chancery Court for the 12th Judicial District from 1947-1981; and

WHEREAS, Graham Colvard was a tireless steward of service for the Bledsoe County community; as both a county official and resident, she served with a humble mind, a servant's heart, and a compassionate spirit, and she heeded the call to help anyone she encountered during her life; and

WHEREAS, a friend to all, many faces of Bledsoe County passed through Mrs. Colvard's kitchen and good graces during her time on earth; and

WHEREAS, in addition to community service, Graham Colvard enjoyed fellowshiping, cooking, playing cards, and most of all, sharing the Gospel of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with all that she met; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout member of the Pikeville Church of God, which she served faithfully for more than sixty years; and

WHEREAS, her favorite Bible verse was 1 Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind,"; and

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

WHEREAS, in 1942, she met Landon Colvard, Sr., in Portland, Maine, during his service in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Graham and Landon Colvard were joined in holy matrimony on April 30, 1943, and they enjoyed sixty-seven years of marriage until Mr. Colvard's passing on September 22, 2010; and

WHEREAS, this couple's blessed union produced five children, Dolly Agnes Colvard (deceased at birth), Landon (Charlotte) Colvard, Jr., Thad Ronald (Carol) Colvard, Sr., Daniel Graham (Sue) Colvard, and the late Rebecca Ann (Greg) Forgey; ten grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Graham Colvard 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Hortense Amelia "Graham" Colvard, 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. Colvard.

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: FEBRUARY 25, 2013



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR