



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 263

By Representatives Parkinson, Miller, Hardaway, Cooper, Johnnie Turner, Camper, Coley, John DeBerry, Lois DeBerry, Lollar, McManus, Todd, Towns, Mark White, Harry Brooks, Kevin Brooks, Calfee, Dale Carr, Joe Carr, Carter, Curtiss, Dean, Dennis, Doss, Dunn, Durham, Eldridge, Evans, Faison, Farmer, Favors, Floyd, Forgety, Gilmore, Goins, Halford, Hall, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Matthew Hill, Timothy Hill, Holt, Jernigan, Curtis Johnson, Gloria Johnson, Jones, Kane, Keisling, Lamberth, Littleton, Love, Lundberg, Lynn, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McCormick, McDaniel, Mitchell, Moody, Odom, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Ramsey, Rich, Roach, Rogers, Sanderson, Sargent, Sexton, Shaw, Shepard, Shipley, Sparks, Spivey, Stewart, Swann, Tidwell, Travis, Mike Turner, Van Huss, Weaver, Dawn White, Kent Williams, Ryan Williams, Windle, Wirgau, and Madam Speaker Harwell

and

Senators Ford, Kelsey, Kyle, Norris, Tate

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Reverend Peggie A. Russell, J.D. of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Rev. Peggie Russell; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Russell 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 served with acumen and alacrity as an attorney and minister, in which positions she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of work; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Russell received her Juris Doctorate degree in 1995; and following her admittance to the Tennessee Bar, practiced as a criminal defense attorney and worked for the University of Memphis Center for Community Criminology and Research; and

WHEREAS, she later went on to work for the Shelby County Office of Early Childhood and Youth, in addition to serving as a faculty member at both the University of Phoenix and Axia College; and

WHEREAS, she studied at the Memphis Theological Seminary and was an ordained associate minister at Greater Prospect Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Russell was an active and devout participant in the Christian ministry; she was a member of the Her Space in Ministry Network, the Memphis affiliate of the National Congress of black Churches Leadership Forum, and the National Alliance of Women in Ministry; and

WHEREAS, she was recognized as a leader in the community and was the recipient of numerous awards including the Ujima Mentoring Award, the Ordinary People Magazine Servant of the Year Award and the Tri State Defender's 50 Women of Excellence Award; among others; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Russell will certainly be missed by her family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Peggie Russell 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

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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,

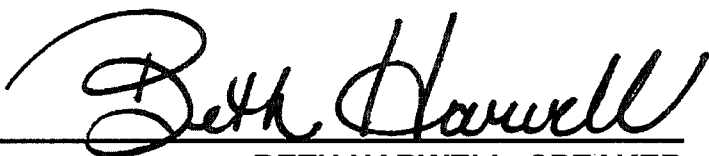
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Rev. Peggie A. Russell, J.D., reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Rev. Russell.


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: MARCH 28, 2013



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 1st day of April 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR