



State of Tennessee

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

By Tate, Ford, Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dorothy L. Parrish of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dorothy Parrish; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Parrish was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy was born to Edward and Mary Perry in Fayetteville, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, she started her education at Edward Evens Elementary School, and upon moving to Memphis, graduated from Manassas High School; she later attended Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parrish served with acumen and alacrity as the owner of Parrish Care Home, in which position she earned the respect of countless people for the exemplary quality of her work and her loving, devoted care of the elderly; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout member of St. Andrew AME Church, where she served faithfully for many years and participated as a member of the Elmer Martin Singers; and

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

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of Alex Parrish for forty-two years and was the proud parent of four children: Jacqueline, Alex Jr., Joel, and Mary; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parrish leaves to cherish her memory: children, Alex Parrish and Mary Annette Boyd; daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Ann Parrish; grandchildren, Cydney Madlock, Christopher Boyd, Cory Boyd, Malcolm Parrish, Michael Parrish; great-granddaughter, Kyla Phillips; sister, Robbie Hailey; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Parrish leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Dorothy L. Parrish, 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. Parrish.

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

ADOPTED: April 18, 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Ramsey".
RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE