



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 475

By Senator Johnson

and

Representatives Whitson, Sargent, Casada

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sarah Benson of Thompson's Station.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Sarah Benson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Benson 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, originally from Nashville, she and her late husband, Craig Benson, moved to Thompson's Station in 1976, upon which she immediately endeared herself to her fellow citizens, proving herself a devoted and active member of her new community; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Benson worked with the citizen's committee of Thompson's Station that achieved its incorporation in 1990 and, later that same year, became an alderman; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Benson served on the town's Board of Mayor and Aldermen for more than twenty-five years, concurrently serving on the Parks Advisory Board and the Planning Commission, of which she was a member since its establishment in 2004; and

WHEREAS, as alderman, Sarah Benson was always available to assist the citizens of Thompson's Station with their concerns. She was instrumental in the town's award-winning zoning ordinance, and her accomplishments include integral involvement in park land acquisition, zoning, and the Lee Kittle Food Drive; Mrs. Benson also supported the Harpeth Watershed, Battlefield Trust, and Nature Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work in Thompson's Station, she was active in the Parent Teacher Organization for the Boys' and Girls' Club of Franklin and the Thompson's Station Festival for many years, and she served as site manager for the local Farmers Market; and

WHEREAS, such was the town's admiration and appreciation of Mrs. Benson that her fellow citizens elected to rename Thompson's Station Park as Sarah Benson Park in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Benson leaves behind a legacy of service, compassion, and community spirit; her selfless and tireless efforts contributed significantly to the well-being of the citizens of Thompson's Station; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of Sarah Benson, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our condolences to the friends and family of Mrs. Benson.

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: January 18, 2018

Randy McNally
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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

Beth Harwell
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of January 2018

Bill Haslam
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR