

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Eleanor McNeil Massey of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Eleanor McNeil Massey; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Massey 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, born in Madisonville to Alexander and Mary Davis Estill McNeil, who preceded her in death, Eleanor Massey graduated from Knoxville High School in 1942 at the age of sixteen. An outstanding student, she shared valedictory status within her graduating class; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Massey then attended and graduated from the University of Tennessee, where she was a valued member of the Chi Omega sorority; and

WHEREAS, she was joined in matrimony with Chester Massey on July 1, 1944, at the Second Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, with Dr. Clifford Balbour officiating; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to serving the needs of her family and her community, Eleanor Massey was a longtime volunteer at Fort Sanders Presbyterian Hospital, was an enthusiastic and knowledgeable antique dealer, and took great pleasure in participating in the hobbies and lives of her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a woman who pursued many varied interests throughout her life, Eleanor Massey was an avid bridge player, a devoted traveler of the world, a club team bowler, and a bird watcher; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout member of the Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Chester, for sixty-two years before his passing, and was the proud mother and mother-in-law of Lynn and Howard H. Vogel, Morton and Senator Becky Duncan Massey, and Deborah and Richard Blackburn; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Massey will be sorely missed by her sister, Juliette McNeil Downing; her grandchildren, the Reverend Caroline Carothers Vogel, Alex Vogel, Anna Kathryn Greenwood, Courtney Massey Kohlhepp, and Kristen Massey; and her great-grandchildren, Aidan Brown, Shepherd Brown, Phillips Vogel, Bo Vogel, Levi Greenwood, and Bailey Massey; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Massey 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 legislative body 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 Eleanor McNeil Massey, 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. Massey.

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