



Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Rilla Moran Woods

WHEREAS, Rilla Moran Woods was born in Defeated Creek Community, Tennessee on September 14, 1924, and

WHEREAS, she attended Peabody College, the University of Tennessee, and the University of Indiana, and

WHEREAS, she began her career as a bookkeeper for a wholesale plumbing company, and

WHEREAS, she was a former Executive Director of Civitans, President of the 6th Congressional District of the V.F.W. in 1952, Southern States President at the Tau Phi Lambda Society Convention in 1955, and

WHEREAS, she was President of the Nashville Credit Women's Group in 1957 and President of the Nashville Business & Professional Women's Club in 1958, and

WHEREAS, Rilla Moran Woods formed the National Federation of Democratic Women in October of 1971, and was elected Charter President on May 27, 1972, and

WHEREAS, she held the position of Democratic National Committee Woman, was instrumental in the integration of the Davidson County Democratic Women of Tennessee, was the first woman to serve as Director of Public Affairs for the Federal G.S.A., the government housekeeping agency & information center, and

WHEREAS, she was appointed chairperson of the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise by President Jimmy Carter on August 25, 1980, former press secretary to Tennessee Congressman Clifford Allen, appointed by Governor Jim Hunt of North Carolina as Motor Fleet Management Division Director in 1981 and

WHEREAS, she is survived by 3 sisters, Elizabeth, Stella, and Sue, 4 nieces, and 2 nephews, and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2011, Rilla Moran Woods, founder and charter president of the National Federation of Democratic Women, passed away at Alive Hospice Residence after a very long and rewarding life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Federation of Democratic Women honors her life and work, and extends its condolences to her family.