

SENATE RESOLUTION 48

(By Senators Smith (Mr. President), Taylor, Azinger,
Barnhart, Barrett, Barlett, Chapman, Charnock,
Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton,
Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, M. Maynard, Z.
Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts,
Rose, Rucker, Takubo, Tarr, Thorne, Weld, Willis,
Woelfel and Woodrum)

[Introduced February 23, 2026]

1 Memorializing the life of the Honorable Sarah Abigail (Mullennex) Minear, wife, deacon, elder,
2 community leader, philanthropist, former member of the West Virginia Senate, statesman,
3 and dedicated public servant.

4 Whereas, The Honorable Sarah Abigail (Mullennex) Minear was born in Parsons, West
5 Virginia, on August 11, 1941, daughter of the late John J. Mullennex Sr., and Ruth A. Swartz
6 Mullennex; and

7 Whereas, The Honorable Sarah Abigail (Mullennex) Minear graduated from Parsons High
8 School and attended Fairmont State College, West Virginia Business College, and West Virginia
9 University; and

10 Whereas, The Honorable Sarah Abigail (Mullennex) Minear's Christian faith called her to
11 help others within her community and throughout the State of West Virginia. She served as a
12 Deacon and Elder within the church and served on several committees for Parsons Presbyterian
13 Church; and

1 Whereas, The Honorable Sarah Abigail (Mullennex) Minear served as an active member
2 and officer of River City Garden Club, Tucker County Arts Council, Tucker County Chamber of
3 Commerce board, WV Chamber of Commerce, Mon Valley Tri-State Network, charter member of
4 the Tucker County Development Authority and Allegheny Front Regional Development Authority,
5 Tucker County Republican Executive Committee and WV State Republican Committee, Tucker
6 County Farm Bureau, and the West Virginia Forestry Association; and

7 Whereas, The Honorable Sarah Abigail (Mullennex) Minear was the founding president of
8 the Tucker Community Foundation and served in that capacity from December 1988 until
9 December 1994. She also was the founding president of the West Virginia Grantmakers
10 Association (now Philanthropy West Virginia) serving as president from May 1992 through
11 December 1995; and

12 Whereas, The Honorable Sarah Abigail (Mullennex) Minear was elected to the West
13 Virginia State Senate November 4, 1994, where she proudly served for 12 years as State Senator
14 from the 14th Senatorial District serving seven counties. Senator Minear was the first woman
15 elected to serve from this district. Sarah served on Senate Committees including Finance,
16 Banking and Insurance, Economic Development, Government Organization, Interstate
17 Cooperation, Natural Resources, Forest Management Review, Joint Committee on Government
18 Operations, and the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee; and

19 Whereas, The Honorable Sarah Abigail (Mullennex) Minear was a leader in her community
20 and continued to hold several leadership positions on various boards including Chair of the
21 Monongalia General Hospital Board of Directors, Vice President of Adaland Mansion, Inc. in
22 Barbour County, as well as serving on the Board of Cortland Acres Foundation and the Board of
23 Cortland Acres Nursing Home in Tucker County; and

24 Whereas, The Honorable Sarah Abigail (Mullennex) Minear was a member of the Parsons
25 High School Tri-HI-Y, a lifelong volunteer and supporter of Ohio-West Virginia YMCA (now Youth
26 Leadership Association) including service on the board and as president of the board. Sarah was

1 recognized with the 70th Anniversary Golden Horseshoe Award in 2010 by Camp Horseshoe in
2 recognition for giving thousands of children and teenagers the opportunity to attend Horseshoe
3 through her tireless efforts to increase Horseshoe's endowment, annual support, improve
4 facilities, and strengthened program; and

5 Whereas, Sadly, the Honorable Sarah Abigail (Mullennex) Minear passed away on August
6 26, 2025, bringing an end to a life devoted to faith and public service, and leaving behind a grateful
7 community, state, and a host of family and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly; and

8 Whereas, It is fitting that we pay tribute to the life and legacy of the Honorable Sarah
9 Abigail (Mullennex) Minear, a woman whose contributions to the State of West Virginia will be felt
10 by many generations to come, and whose spirit will resound throughout the hills of West Virginia
11 forever; therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate:*

13 That the Senate hereby memorializes the life of the Honorable Sarah Abigail (Mullennex)
14 Minear, wife, deacon, elder, community leader, philanthropist, former member of the West Virginia
15 Senate, statesman, and dedicated public servant; and, be it

16 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate extends its sympathies to the family of the Honorable
17 Sarah Abigail (Mullennex) Minear on her passing; and, be it

18 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
19 the family and friends of the Honorable Sarah Abigail (Mullennex) Minear.