

## House Resolution 711

By: Representatives Belton of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Dickerson of the 113<sup>th</sup>, Rutledge of the 109<sup>th</sup>, and Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Stanley Edwards, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Stanley Edwards, Sr., was born on February 11, 1944, in the Stewart  
3 Community of Newton County to Hollis and Lois Fincher Edwards; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Stan married his high school sweetheart, Mary Bledsoe Edwards of Covington,  
5 and the two were married for 54 years; their sons and daughters-in-law are Stan and Leslie  
6 Edwards and Steve and Kristie Edwards; his grandchildren are Coley, Tristan, and Dakota;  
7 his brother is Billy Edwards; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law are Adrian and Melvin  
8 Cown; and he was blessed with several nieces, nephews, and other family and close friends;  
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, he grew up in the Stewart Community playing baseball for the Stewart baseball  
11 team, where he excelled as a pitcher; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Stan kept his passion for baseball active by coaching his sons in little league  
13 and coaching the American Legion Post 32 baseball team for many years; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was always very supportive of all the youth sports programs throughout  
15 Newton County; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he worked for the United States Postal Service as a mail carrier and was  
17 employed there for more than 30 years, worked for a brief time at the Covington Mill, and  
18 was elected to serve on the Newton County School Board in 1973; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Stan served on the Board of Directors at United Bank for a number of years and  
20 was the Chairman of the Friends of Newton County Miracle League; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a former member of Trinity United Methodist Church and was a  
22 member of Eastridge Community Church; and

23 WHEREAS, he spent countless hours volunteering for numerous charities, expressing his  
24 love with action, and supporting those less fortunate than himself with every means available  
25 to him; and

26 WHEREAS, Stan was many things to many people, but he was first and foremost a  
27 wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend who served in every aspect of his  
28 life with caring, kindness, compassion, and love; and

29 WHEREAS, he led a selfless and generous life, humble in his patience yet mighty in his  
30 faith, setting a flawless example to his many descendants and the many friends who knew  
31 him well; and

32 WHEREAS, Stan was a humble, loving, and joyful man of God who stood tall as a fearless  
33 and passionate spokesman of his Christian faith and the plight of the sick and the needy.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Stanley Edwards, Sr., and  
36 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
39 family of Stanley Edwards, Sr.