

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 29

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mayor Virgil David Cecil of Winfield.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mayor Virgil David Cecil; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cecil was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on January 10, 1941, in Mine 18 Camp in Barthel, Kentucky, David Cecil was the eldest child of Desdie and Virgil Cecil; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cecil served with acumen and alacrity as Mayor of Winfield, in which position he earned the respect of his community for his hard work and dedication; prior to his tenure as mayor, he worked as a tool and die maker in Louisville, Kentucky, where he also served as a volunteer firefighter. A true entrepreneur, he started several successful businesses in Winfield, including a service station, pawn shop, builder, and mulch yard; and

WHEREAS, David Cecil was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cecil enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-six years, Virginia Taylor Cecil; he was the proud father of Susan (Bob) Zimlich and Joseph D. (Susanne) Cecil and the devoted grandfather of seven grandchildren. He is lovingly remembered by his sisters, Gloria Cecil, Mary Haisley, and Kathy King; his faithful dog, Ruby; and a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Joseph Cecil and Paul Cecil; and his sister, Eloise Cecil Rutledge; and

WHEREAS, David Cecil leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mayor Virgil David Cecil, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his 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 Mayor Cecil.

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