

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 54

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dave William Smith, Jr.,
of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dave William Smith, Jr., of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, Dave William Smith, Jr., 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 February 19, 1950, Mr. Smith was raised by his parents on a farm in Lebanon; as a child, he and his sisters milked the cows and shelled 100 ears of corn to feed the chickens each day before school, along with other duties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith and his family were actively involved in the 4-H Club, where he showed lambs, sheep, and cattle; in school, he participated in electric projects and public speaking, and he was frequently awarded for his academic successes; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Lebanon High School, Mr. Smith briefly attended Cumberland University before he transferred to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; he then joined the United States Army National Guard, where he dutifully served his nation for six years; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Mr. Smith began working at the Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Cooperative (MTEMC) in Lebanon, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike; and

WHEREAS, he discovered a love for golf in 1999 at the Lebanon Golf and Country Club, and following his retirement from MTEMC, he played at every possible opportunity; he served as president of the board and helped with a number of projects at the club; and

WHEREAS, a man of many interests, Mr. Smith was a true outdoorsman; he enjoyed hunting and hiking and made several such trips with his friends and family. He was also a member of the Broken Arrow Archery Club and "The Hunting Group"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was deeply devoted to his relationship with Christ and faithfully attended church his entire life; in recent years, he was an active member of the College Hills Church of Christ, where he participated in Life Group, the Welcome Ministry, and Security; and

WHEREAS, Dave Smith, Jr., was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-one years, Jo Clemmons Smith; also left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Jody Smith (Chuck) Gore; his son, Dave Clinton (Brandy) Smith; his grandchildren, Abbey and Austen Gore and Madelyn and Owen Smith; his sisters, Ruby Lynn Steele and Margaret Ivy (George) Hyde; and his twin sister, Mary Beth Malone; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Dave William Smith, Sr., and Elsie Margaret Ivy Smith; his brothers-in-law, Ron Steele and Tony Malone; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Christine Clemmons; and his granddaughter, Cayley Jewell Gore; and

WHEREAS, Dave William Smith, Jr., 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dave William Smith, Jr., 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 Mr. Smith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.