

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 121

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Keith McCord of Blount County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William Keith McCord, a husband, father, lawyer, farmer, and political consultant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCord 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, Keith McCord was born on January 29, 1933, in Alamo to Ladd and Allie Mae McCord. He graduated from Alamo High School and served in the United States Marine Corps shortly after. Following the conclusion of his military service, Mr. McCord continued his educational career, graduating from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Duke Divinity School, and the University of Tennessee College of Law; and

WHEREAS, for fifty-five years, Keith McCord practiced law, during which time he earned the respect of his colleagues and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents for twelve years, first appointed by Governor Ned Ray McWherter and then reappointed by Governor Don Sundquist; he also served on the board of Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, a kind and gregarious man, Keith McCord loved hosting social gatherings with his wife at their family farm. A Vol for life, having lettered in baseball as a student at the University of Tennessee (UT), he hosted the UT football teams a number of times as well as the UT Letterman's "T" club annual picnic; and

WHEREAS, a farmer and outdoorsman for his entire life, Mr. McCord was also a licensed pilot, and he flew his wife all over the United States and to their favorite destination, Treasure Cay, Abaco, Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCord was deeply devoted to his family and friends, and he always endeavored to remain true to those closest to him; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-seven years, Peggy Lambert McCord; his sons, William Keith (Amy) McCord, Jr., David Lambert (Iris) McCord, John Ladd (Kenda) McCord, and Joseph Allen (Jules) McCord; his grandchildren, Leah, Meg, Mac, John, Caitlin, Morgan, Jason, Reid, Clay, James, and Abigail; and his great-grandchildren, Addy, Walker, Tucker, and Tristan; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Ladd and Allie Mae McCord; and his brother, Gerald McCord; and

WHEREAS, William Keith McCord 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 William Keith McCord, 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. McCord.

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.