

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 173

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Frank Cagle of
Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of veteran journalist Frank Cagle, formerly of the *Knoxville News Sentinel*; and

WHEREAS, over the course of nearly five decades in journalism, Frank Cagle had earned the respect and admiration of politicians and the public alike; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Cagle proudly served his country in Vietnam with the 82nd Airborne Division and earned the Army Commendation Medal and the Bronze Star for meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, after completing his military service, he enrolled at the University of North Alabama, from which he graduated with honors with a degree in English; and

WHEREAS, Frank Cagle then began his illustrious career in journalism, working for newspapers in Florence, Athens, Decatur, and Huntsville, Alabama, before relocating to Knoxville in 1982; and

WHEREAS, he began his tenure with the *News Sentinel* as a copy editor, but his true passion was politics, and he was soon reporting on local and State politics for the newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cagle later served as managing editor of the *News Sentinel*, although he is best remembered for his political columns, which reflected his desire to improve his community and his integrity as a newsman; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the *News Sentinel*, he served as deputy mayor in the administration of Knoxville Mayor Victor Ashe and was campaign manager for Van Hilleary in his 2002 bid to become Governor of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cagle had most recently served as a columnist for *Knox TN Today* and a political analyst for WATE-TV, having written his third final column for the *News Sentinel* in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Frank Cagle leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in journalism, 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 journalist and public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Frank Cagle, reflecting fondly upon his nearly fifty years of excellence as a journalist and his lasting impact upon the Knoxville community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Mr. Cagle.

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.