

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 257

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of T.J. Harrison IV of Sneedville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of T.J. Harrison IV; and

WHEREAS, T.J. Harrison 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 in Claiborne County on May 29, 1940, Mr. Harrison was the son of Tom and Lucile Pearson Harrison; he was a graduate of Hancock County High School and Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, T.J. Harrison served with acumen and alacrity as a physical education and biology teacher, boys' basketball coach, and high school principal in Hancock County; he was also a mail carrier and postmaster for the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished businessman, he owned and operated a number of businesses, including Harrison Farm and Home Supply, Sneedville Electric & Furniture, Harrison Farms, H & H Rentals, Harrison Real Estate, Harrison Construction, and Harrison Motor Company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison served as a member of the Private Industry Council at Walters State Community College for more than twenty years, and he served on the board of the Roane Scholar Program; he served as chairman and vice chairman of the Hancock County Republican Party, and he was a proud fifty-year member of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee, Lodge #277; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of Sneedville First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, T.J. Harrison was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud father of Joan Harrison Campbell, Lisa Harrison Ferguson, Thomas J. Harrison V, Janie Harrison Dalton, Julia Harrison Davis, and Sarah Harrison Brown; the devoted grandfather of Elizabeth Campbell, Harrison Campbell, Lydia Ferguson, Abigail Ferguson, William Harrison, Lauren Harrison, Alexandra Harrison, Katie Harrison, Maddox Dalton, Madeline Dalton, Kristin Davis, Austin Davis, Hampton Davis, and Hudson Davis; and the treasured great-grandfather of Sawyer Harrison, Cooper Harrison, Caroline Cupp, Carter Cupp, and Roman Spaccarotella; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison was preceded in death by his parents and his wife of fifty-one years, Phyllis Stubblefield Harrison; and

WHEREAS, T.J. Harrison 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 T.J. Harrison IV, 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. Harrison.

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