

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 410

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Edward "Jim" Compton of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Edward "Jim" Compton; and

WHEREAS, Jim Compton 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, a proud Vietnam War veteran, Mr. Compton served with courage and distinction in the United States Army as a dog handler, in which station he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his service in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, following the end of his military tenure, he earned his bachelor's degree from Tennessee Technological University and his master's degree plus thirty at Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Compton retired from Fairview Elementary School after almost thirty years of teaching; he also served as the coach of the Fairview Angels basketball team for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, a community-oriented individual, Jim Compton served on the Blount County Election Commission for nine years and as its chairman for three years. He also served as a member of the Blount County School Board for eight years; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime member of the Tennessee Education Association, National Education Association, and Board-Certified Education Advocates (BCEA), Mr. Compton served as chief negotiator for BCEA for almost sixteen years and was one of the first individuals elected to the Blount County Teacher Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of West Maryville Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon; and

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

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of fifty years, Sharon Bradford Compton; his son, Eric (Sara) Compton; his grandchildren, Brooklyn, Brody, and Baylor Compton; his siblings, Edna Ruth Berry and Harold (Otti) Compton; his nieces and nephews, Melvin (Gina) McNeal, Michele (Jimmy) Bailey, Bill (Melissa) Compton, and Doris (Tim) Wilson; and his great-nieces and -nephews, James Grant Bailey, Michael Bailey, Emma Compton, Kendall Compton, Casey McNeal, Lindsey McNeal, and Carissa Craver; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lonas Grant and Margaret Matilda Shields Moore and William and Maude Jane Brewer Compton, and his parents, Bill and Edna Compton; and

WHEREAS, Jim Compton 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 James Edward "Jim" Compton, 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. Compton.

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.