

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 480

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Ted Lawrence Flickinger of Blount County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Ted Lawrence Flickinger; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flickinger was an exemplary and conscientious public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, born on June 21, 1927, in Barberton, Ohio, to Fred and Winona Flickinger, Dr. Flickinger graduated from Case-Western Reserve University and George Washington University Medical School; he completed his urological training at Kennedy Veterans Administration Hospital in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ted Flickinger was married to the love of his life, Jean Warren Flickinger, for sixty-four years, until her passing in 2016; during their time together, they had five children and lived across the country, having adventures in Washington, D.C.; Seattle, Washington; New York, New York; Memphis and Maryville, Tennessee; and Talihina, Oklahoma, where Dr. Flickinger worked for one year at the Choctaw Nation Indian Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flickinger practiced medicine for thirty-four years; during his career, he served as president of the Blount County Medical Society, chief of staff at Blount Memorial Hospital, and a member of the hospital board of directors for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, devoted to serving his community, Dr. Flickinger was active in Boy Scouts, Alcoa Kiwanis Club, and Geneva Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed hiking, swimming, and music, attending many live concerts and playing harmonica with the Blount Memorial Hospital harmonica group Rare Aire; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, Dr. Ted Flickinger was a deacon and elder at New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville; and

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Ted Flickinger is survived by his sons, Ted Flickinger, Jr., (Julie Howard) and Jeff (Melanie) Flickinger; daughters, Jan (Mark) Vinci, Jill Coyle, and Tina Cook; grandchildren, Austin Coyle, Cacie Coyle, Ryan Cook, Logan Cook, Kaitlyn Flickinger, Jordan Flickinger, Brandon (Nastasia) Cook, and Staci (Ryan) Arbogast; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his great-grandchildren, Theo Pauley, Quinn Cook, Leona Cook, Norah Cook, and Gwen Arbogast; his sister, Donna Swinehart; his AFS son, Magne Furuseth; his former sons-in-law, Robert Cook and Ray Coyle; and his special friend, Marty Callaway; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents and his beloved wife, Jean, he was preceded in death by his sister, Winifred Tucker; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flickinger 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 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 Dr. Ted Lawrence Flickinger, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a public servant and human being and commending 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 Dr. Flickinger.

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.