

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 504

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Carlisle Webb Mitchum II for achieving the milestone of being the oldest actively licensed pharmacist in the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly recognize those extraordinary healthcare professionals who, through their dedication to serving and caring for the health and well-being of the members of their local community, have made a lasting contribution of which we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Carlisle Webb Mitchum II is one of those individuals and community healthcare professionals who has demonstrated his commitment to the betterment of Houston County and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2019, Webb Mitchum will celebrate his ninety-sixth birthday, making him the oldest actively licensed pharmacist in the State; and

WHEREAS, Webb Mitchum is a veteran of the United States Army, having valiantly served his country during World War II in the Pacific Theatre; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Houston County public schools, Mr. Mitchum received his undergraduate degree from Austin Peay State University before graduating from the University of Tennessee School of Pharmacy in 1948; and

WHEREAS, he became a licensed pharmacist that same year and returned to Houston County to work and help manage the family drug store, Mitchum Drug Company, and other businesses in Erin; and

WHEREAS, Mitchum Drug Company was established by Webb Mitchum's grandfather, A.J. Mitchum, in 1887; the business has been in continuous operation for more than 130 years and has also included a hardware store, furniture store, appliance store, and farm and general

store, all of which have been managed by A.J. Mitchum; Webb Mitchum's father, Carlisle Mitchum; Webb Mitchum himself; and Webb Mitchum's son, Mitch Mitchum, all of whom were or are pharmacists; and

WHEREAS, Webb Mitchum has been essential to the continuous operation of Mitchum Drug Company and has worked alongside his immediate family members, including his sister, Margaret Ruth Simpson, also a pharmacist, and other extended family members and many loyal and dedicated employees, all of whom provided the very best healthcare and quality service to customers in Houston County and the Middle Tennessee region; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchum has also been actively engaged in the civic affairs of the City of Erin and dutifully served his community as a member of the Erin City Council for many years; and

WHEREAS, he has been a faithful and dedicated member of the Erin Baptist Church, as well as an active member of numerous organizations focused on philanthropy and community service, including the American Legion, Erin Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge, and Scottish Rite and Shrine; and

WHEREAS, Webb Mitchum has often been recognized by his friends in the City of Erin and Houston County for his acts of kindness and service to his fellow citizens; in 1978, he was given the honor of serving as "Lord High Mayor" during the Irish Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS, he was blessed with the love and companionship of his wife, Phoebe Mitchum, until her passing; he is the proud father of Melanie Mitchum Leader and Carlisle Webb "Mitch" Mitchum and the devoted grandfather of four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchum has dedicated his life to serving his fellow citizens in numerous capacities, and it is most fitting that he be honored; 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 recognize and commend Carlisle Webb Mitchum II for his many years of dedicated community service and care as a pharmacist and drugstore manager, extending our best wishes to him for continued success in the future.

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