

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 775

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A RESOLUTION recognizing J. Bruce Saltsman, Sr.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those Tennesseans who, throughout their years of astute service, have served to improve the lives of their fellow citizens while upholding the finest tenets of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, J. Bruce Saltsman, Sr., former Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Transportation, is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, born in Loretto, Kentucky, in 1930 to John Edgar and Mary Leona Saltsman, Bruce Saltsman embarked upon his construction career in Bardstown, Kentucky, when he founded the Saltsman Construction Company in 1947; and

WHEREAS, after serving as the vice president and general manager of bridges for McDowell-Saltsman, Inc., Mr. Saltsman held senior management positions with Rodgers and Saltsman Construction in Fairview and Bell Construction in Brentwood; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed by Governor Don Sundquist to serve as the Commissioner of Transportation, a position he held with acumen and alacrity until 2003, during which time he brought the department into an era of fiscal responsibility, ensuring that the road debt was completely paid; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Saltsman committed his time and expertise to a number of important projects throughout his career, including working with the Record Construction Company to build the Pan-American Highway in the Republic of Panama; and

WHEREAS, a man of diverse talents and hobbies, Mr. Saltsman is an award-winning skeet shooter who enjoys golfing, duck hunting, traveling, and reading; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Edna Elaine Long Saltsman, their five children, and their three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Saltsman is a dedicated member of his community, and it is wholly fitting that this body recognizes his many contributions to society and to the road-building industry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize J. Bruce Saltsman, Sr., for his many contributions throughout his storied career as a road builder and commissioner and extend our best wishes for his continued success and happiness 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.