

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 936

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of George Milum "Bud" Testerman of Rogersville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of George Milum "Bud" Testerman; and

WHEREAS, George "Bud" Testerman 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 December 11, 1922, Bud Testerman attended Furman University and proudly served in the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1946, Mr. Testerman owned and operated Testerman Motor Company until his retirement in 2004; the business was founded by his father in 1914 and held the distinction of being the twenty-fifth-oldest family dealership in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Bud Testerman was also a dedicated civic leader who distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with numerous boards and organizations, including service as Chairman of the Hawkins County Republican Party from 1948 to 1968, Director and Chairman of the Board of First National Bank, Director of Hawkins County Memorial Hospital, member of the Board of Directors of Holston Electric Cooperative, President of the Community Chest, and Charter Member of the Kiwanis Club; in addition, he was instrumental in the establishment of the United Way; and

WHEREAS, George Testerman was an active and devout member of Rogersville First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon; and

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

WHEREAS, George Milum Testerman was preceded in death by his mother, Cecil Webster Testerman; his father, Milum E. Testerman; his brother, John Testerman; his sister, Ruth Miller Testerman; and his step-mother, Helen Vearil Testerman; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife, Helen Hawthorne Testerman; his daughter, Cecile Mae Testerman Lee and her husband, Luke Kyle; his son, George Milum Testerman, M.D.; his sister-in-law, Ruth Hawthorne; and his nieces, Suzanne Arp and Jayme Smith; and

WHEREAS, George Milum "Bud" Testerman 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of George Milum "Bud" Testerman, 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. Testerman.

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