

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 980

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert K. "Bob" Layton of Rockwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert K. "Bob" Layton of Rockwood; and

WHEREAS, Bob Layton 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 in Chattanooga on October 12, 1936, Mr. Layton was the son of George and Gladys Layton; he was a graduate of Chattanooga City High School and attended Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, Bob Layton was a proud veteran of the United States Army; following his service, he pursued a career as an insurance agent and owner of AGA Insurance of Roane County, in which position he earned the trust and respect of his clients and colleagues alike through his honesty and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Layton was an active and respected member of his community, dedicating his time and talents to several local organizations; he was a longtime member of the Rockwood Civitan Club and a member of the Rockwood City Planning Commission, where he helped shape the growth and development of his treasured community; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Layton will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his beloved wife, Jean; his children, Tim (Lisa) Layton, Angela (Robin) Wampler, and Lisa Pemberton; his grandchildren, Matthew (Becky), Travis (Erin), Cody (Ciera), Jared (Barby), Caleb (Cheyenne), and Madison (Jack); four cherished great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren on the way; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Bob Layton was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Jo Coker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Layton was also devoted to his faith; he was an active member of First Baptist Church of Rockwood, where he found spiritual fulfillment and a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, a beacon of strength and love, Mr. Layton was a faithful and gracious soul who impacted the lives of those who were blessed to know him through his wisdom and guidance, and he 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 most appropriate that we should 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 Robert K. "Bob" Layton, 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. Layton.

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 of Senate designation.