

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1049

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Arthur Key Poe II of McDonald.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Arthur Key Poe II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Poe 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, Arthur Key Poe II was born to Toy and Ruth Poe on his family's farm in Apison and grew up surrounded by his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, he attended Ooltewah High School and played for both the baseball and football teams, graduating in 1959 and then attending the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he joined the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation in 1964, he served his country in the Vietnam War, flying F-104 Starfighters and the 01 Birddog, completing more than 166 combat missions in Southeast Asia, and earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal; and

WHEREAS, after his active-duty service, he continued serving his country in the reserves, flying the C-124 Globemaster, the C-7 Caribou, and the C-130 Hercules before retiring in 1985 as a lieutenant colonel following twenty-one years of service; and

WHEREAS, his career in flight spanned nearly forty years, with more than 18,000 hours flying fighters, airliners, helicopters, and transports before his official retirement in 2003; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement, he enjoyed birdwatching from his back porch and spending time with his children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a devout and faithful man, Mr. Poe was an active member of Ooltewah Baptist Church; 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, Arthur Key Poe II will be mourned yet fondly remembered by his children, Key (Tracey) Poe, Marie Poe Mossbeck, Amelia Poe, and Nicholas (Briana) Poe; his four grandchildren, Abigail Poe, Samuel Mossbeck, Andrew Mossbeck, and Margaret Poe; and a host of extended family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of forty-five years, Margaret Guille Poe; his brother, Toy Lee Poe; and his granddaughter, Sara Margaret Hoover; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Poe 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 the members of this General Assembly 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 Arthur Key Poe II, 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. Poe.

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.