

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6001

By McCalmon

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William "Billy" Earl Knight of Millview.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William "Billy" Earl Knight of Millview; and

WHEREAS, William Knight 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, the son of Earl Knight and Louise Pinkston Knight, William Earl Knight was born on June 15, 1934, at the Baptist Hospital, now St. Thomas Hospital Midtown, and lived his whole life as a resident of the Millview community, where his mother's family had lived and farmed for generations; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Knight was willing to lay down his life for the sake of the freedoms that we still enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knight, known affectionately as "The Mayor," loved his community and its residents, and as a member of the Millview Community Club and the local swim club, he was always willing to generously give of his time to support the upkeep of local institutions, even maintaining the community center and pool for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, the son of a successful plumber, Mr. Knight joined his father's business and received the fifth plumbing license issued in Williamson County, and he demonstrated the same quality and care in plumbing as in all his endeavors, committing himself to ever-available service for the sake of his customers; and

WHEREAS, he was also renowned as one of the only pump experts in Williamson County, and being a lifelong learner, he continued to attend seminars to hone his craft late into his career; and

WHEREAS, thoughtful of this world and the next, Mr. Knight was a lifetime member of Epworth United Methodist Church and attended Riverside Fellowship; 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, William Earl Knight will be sadly mourned yet fondly remembered by his children, Lisa (Jim) Wilson, Becky (Brad) Wilson, and Keith Knight; his longtime business partner whom he loved as a son, Dab (Cynthia) Boston; his grandchildren, Cale Wilson, Kayla (Cody) Scott, Justin (Callie) Wilson, Olivia Wilson, Knight Wilson, and Stella Knight; and his great-grandchildren, Sunny, Memphis, Korbin, and Mason; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of sixty-four years, Barbara Jean Gainous Knight; and

WHEREAS, William Knight 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 we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional gentleman and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William "Billy" Earl Knight, 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. Knight.

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.