

HOUSE RESOLUTION 25

By Richey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joel Richard Horton of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joel Richard Horton; and

WHEREAS, Joel Horton 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, for twenty-five years, Mr. Horton served with acumen and alacrity as a chemical engineer for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work. He also was a veteran of the armed forces, serving in the United States Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Joel Horton was an active and devout member of Fairview United Methodist Church, which he attended faithfully; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Horton is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Jeraldine "Jerri" Boone Horton; his children, Mary Anne Bratton and Ricky Horton; his grandchildren, Shaylee (Jon) Kinslow-Cruz, Miranda (Joe) Peterson, and Boone Bratton; his great-grandchild, Theodore Joel Peterson; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Lynda Boone, Phyllis Boone, Roe (Sharon) Boone, and Gail (Gene) Garland; and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Horton and Mary Etta Horton; his siblings, Lowell Horton, Bessie (Forrest) Steele, and Floyd Allen (Betty) Horton; and his brother and sisters-in-law, Betty (Herman) Best, Paul Boone, and Ronnie (Donna) Boone; and

WHEREAS, Joel Richard Horton 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 legislative body 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Joel Richard Horton, 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. Horton.

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