

HOUSE RESOLUTION 85

By Carringer

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Happy "Hap" Minhinnett of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Happy "Hap" Minhinnett; and

WHEREAS, Hap Minhinnett was a highly regarded member of his community and a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Minhinnett served his nation with the utmost honor and valor during the Vietnam War, and he was awarded the Bronze Star for his meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, Hap Minhinnett served his community as a professional photographer, capturing years of memories and special moments for families in and around Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, an avid baseball fan, Mr. Minhinnett was named Coach of the Year 1982 for District IV baseball and enjoyed serving as president of the Fountain City Ballpark, yet one of his greatest joys was watching and coaching his three sons as they grew up; and

WHEREAS, Hap Minhinnett was wholly dedicated to the Knoxville community and commendably volunteered at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center for a number of years; 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, left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife and high school sweetheart, Paula Minhinnett; sons, Jonas (Charlene), Will (Melissa), and Curtis (Robin) Minhinnett; grandchildren, Caden, Carly, Jack, and Finn; brother, Axson (Cheryl); and brother-in-law, Chuck (Sally); and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Curtis and Ruth Davis Minhinnett; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Minhinnett 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 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 Happy "Hap" Minhinnett, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and 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. Minhinnett.

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