

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Stuart Percy McNiell, Jr.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Stuart “Stu” Percy McNiell, Jr., of Maryville; and

WHEREAS, a Blount County native, Mr. McNeill was born in Townsend on March 17, 1926 to Stuart P. McNiell and Stella Maude Myers; and

WHEREAS, after he graduated from Townsend High School in 1944, he joined the United States Navy, serving as a torpedo man with a Patrol Torpedo Boat (PT) squadron in the Central Pacific, and assisting in the recovery of the Philippine Islands in 1945; and

WHEREAS, upon his honorable discharge at the rank of Seaman First Class, Mr. McNiell earned a bachelor’s degree at Maryville College, where he was a member of the 1946 Tangerine Bowl football squad and vice president of the senior class of 1950; and

WHEREAS, he later earned his master’s degree in educational administration and enjoyed a forty-year career of teaching and coaching in Townsend, teaching and serving as principal at Union School and Rockford School and serving as the Maryville City Schools’ first Supervisor of Instruction; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional contributions, he gave much of his time and energy to various community organizations, serving as a member and deacon at New Providence Presbyterian Church; a board member of Blount County United Way, Blount County Vocational Training Center, Blount County Education Association, Maryville College Alumni Association, and Friends of the Blount County Library; an officer and longtime member of the Kiwanis Club of Alcoa; a member of the Knoxville Philatelic Society and Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and a seasonal ranger in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated family man, Stu McNiell was preceded in death by his beloved parents and his brother, Joseph Walter McNiell; and

WHEREAS, his memory will be forever cherished by his wife of fifty-six years, Sarah Brown McNiell; his son, Stuart P. McNiell III, and his wife, Anna; his daughter, Helen Anne McNiell, and her husband, Antonio Alcala; his grandchildren, Stuart P. McNiell IV, John Patrick McNiell, Paloma McNiell Alcala, and Maya Isabella McNiell Alcala; his sisters, Barbara McNiell Handley and Shirley McNiell Heatherly; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Stu McNiell 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; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Stuart “Stu” Percy McNiell, Jr., 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. McNiell.

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