

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 56

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bruce Isbester Crabtree, Jr., of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bruce Isbester Crabtree, Jr., of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, a highly successful and prominent architect, Bruce Crabtree was a principal in the Nashville architecture firm of Johnson Johnson Crabtree Architects P.C. since 1990; prior to that he served from 1984 to 1990 as vice president of Yearwood, Johnson, Stanton & Crabtree, Architects; and

WHEREAS, born on September 1, 1923, in Chattanooga, Bruce Crabtree was the son of Bruce Isbester Crabtree, Sr., and Anna Hunter Kirkpatrick Crabtree; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Crabtree was raised in Delray Beach, Florida, and moved with his family to Nashville when he was sixteen, following the death of his father; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of West End High School, Mr. Crabtree attended Vanderbilt University until his education was interrupted by World War II, during which he served in the United States Army Corps of Engineers in the Philippines and as part of the post-war United States occupation forces in Tokyo; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Bruce Crabtree studied architecture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, graduating in 1948 as a member of the engineering honor society Tau Beta Pi as well as the leadership honor society Omicron Delta Kappa; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crabtree began his architecture career at the Nashville firm of Hart & McBride and, in 1952, he joined with Warren W. Taylor to form the firm of Taylor & Crabtree, a partnership that lasted for more than thirty years and was responsible for the design of numerous Nashville landmarks, including the James K. Polk State Office Building, the Tennessee Performing Arts Center, the Andrew Jackson State Office Building, the United

States Federal Courthouse Annex, the Ben West Library building, St. Henry Catholic Church, St. George's Episcopal Church, and numerous branch libraries for the Nashville public library system, as well as the Murphy Center at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, and countless schools across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, an active and enthusiastic participant of his profession and his community, Bruce Crabtree rendered sterling service as president of both the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Tennessee Society of Architects, and was made a fellow of the American Institute of Architects in recognition of his service to the profession; and

WHEREAS, in addition, he served as chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Belle Meade for fifteen illustrious years, and was a member of the Belle Meade City Commission, and the city's vice mayor, from 1988 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Crabtree is survived by his wife of sixty-eight years, Dolly Nance Fischer Crabtree, who was the light of his life and object of his utter devotion; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his brother and sister-in-law, William H. and Martha Crabtree; his children, Anna Hunter Crabtree, Bruce I. Crabtree, III (B.J.), Drucilla N. Pugh (Michael), Raymond F. Crabtree (Ashley), and Thomas W. Crabtree (Deborah); and his grandchildren, Allyson H. Pugh, Emily K. Pugh, Elizabeth H. Crabtree, Bruce I. Crabtree, IV, Thomas B. Crabtree, Rachel H. Crabtree, Preston Hunter Crabtree, Mary Claire Crabtree, and Taylor N. Crabtree; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Isbester Crabtree, Jr., 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bruce Isbester Crabtree, 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. Crabtree.

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