

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 58

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John D. Wallace of
Morristown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John D. Wallace; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace 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, a Hamblen County native, Mr. Wallace graduated from Morristown City High School and attended Mars Hill College in North Carolina; he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Baylor University; and

WHEREAS, he succeeded his father and uncle at Wallace Hardware in 1959, where he spent a long, distinguished, and illustrious career as president, serving with acumen and alacrity over a thriving business, earning the respect of his colleagues for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in his community, Mr. Wallace volunteered his time and energies to a number of civic organizations and philanthropic endeavors, dedicating to each his sought after leadership qualities and larger-than-life presence; and

WHEREAS, with his friendly demeanor and regal presence, he left a vivid impression of good will upon all the lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace heroically and honorably served in the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Morristown, which he served faithfully for more than seventy years as a Deacon, Sunday school teacher, and contributor on numerous committees; 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. Wallace enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Paula Pounds Wallace, for more than fifty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and loving father and father-in-law of Becky and Tim Harris, Doyle and Deanna Wallace, Robin and Lynn Dawson, and Lisa and Bill Trusler; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Stephanie Harris Watkins, Paul Harris, Bonnie Wallace Rebsamen, John Doyle Wallace, Julie Anna Wallace, Michael Mann Wallace, Rebecca Dawson Murphy, Lindsey Dawson, Drew Dawson, John Will Trusler, and Austin Trusler; and

WHEREAS, his legacy will be remembered by his great-grandchildren, Grace Anne Murphy, Brooke Dawson, Madelyn Rebsamen, and Keaton Watkins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace is further survived by his sister, Mary Bradley, and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, John Wallace 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 this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John D. Wallace, 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. Wallace.

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