

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 162

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Felix G. Line of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Felix G. Line, M.D., age 93, of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Felix Line was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for others. He practiced pediatrics in Knoxville for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Line was a graduate of Carson-Newman College and of the University of Tennessee School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, he honorably served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1946 to 1947 in Japan, and later provided medical missionary services in Algeria, Bolivia, and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Line served as President of the Tennessee Pediatric Society, as Chief of Staff at East Tennessee Children's Hospital and at Tennessee Memorial Hospital, as President of Knoxville Academy of Medicine, and as State Chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics; he also served as Associate Professor and Interim Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, University of Tennessee Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Line loved to read and enjoyed participation in several book clubs; other hobbies included classical music and playing the piano. He was an avid hiker, tennis enthusiast, and ardent supporter of the Big Brothers program, and he continued these activities well into his ninth decade; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Line was an active and devout member of Church Street Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd Ernest Line and Jessie Newman Line, his wife of sixty years, Mary Lee Pittman Line, and his wife of six years, Amy Becker Line; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Line was the proud father of Robin Line and wife Mary, Harriett Clark, Tim Line and wife Lisa, and Molly Burchfield and husband Tim; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by twelve grandchildren whom he cherished and adored; they are Chris and wife Jackie Line, Julie and husband Everette Herring, Cory Line, Scott Clark, Kelli Clark, Nathan and wife Lori Line, Jacob Line, Grace and husband Mike Cunningham, Drew and wife Annie Burchfield, Jessie Burchfield and husband Luke Dykes, Jamie Burchfield, and Mary Grace Burchfield. Dr. Line's progeny also includes seven great-grandchildren; they are Costen and Safina Line; Charlie, Edie, and Katie Herring; Weston Burchfield; Isis Dykes; and Maya Pearl Cunningham; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Line leaves 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Felix G. Line, 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 Dr. Line.

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