

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 344

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Cowan Havron of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Cowan Havron of Nashville who ably served as a member of the House of Representatives for the 69th General Assembly and was possibly the oldest living former member of the Tennessee General Assembly at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, James Cowan Havron 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 highly respected attorney, Mr. Havron practiced law for over fifty years, from 1931 until his retirement in 1984, and won the respect and admiration of his clients, as well as his fellow members of the bar, for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born on August 8, 1908, in Tullahoma, Tennessee, James Cowan Havron was the son of Tyre A. and Minnie Cowan Havron and attended Tarbox School and Hume-Fogg High School in Nashville after having moved to Davidson County with his family while a young boy; and

WHEREAS, receiving his law degree from Cumberland University in 1930, Mr. Havron humbly offered himself for public service and sought election to the House of Representatives of the Tennessee General Assembly in 1934, to represent the good people of Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, after winning the election, Representative Havron served in the 69th General Assembly from 1935 to 1937 and followed in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, James M. Havron, who served in the Tennessee General Assemblies as a member of the House for the 22nd, 28th, and 29th Assemblies, 1831-33, 1849-1853, and as a member of the Senate for the 30th and 31st Assemblies, from 1853 to 1857; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Havron would continue his public service as a member of the Davidson County Humane and Juvenile Court Commission from 1940 to 1942 before entering military service during World War II on September 22, 1942; and

WHEREAS, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, James Havron served in the United States Army on Ordnance Office staff and saw duty in Alaska; he would perform three and one-half years of foreign service; and

WHEREAS, proud to answer his Nation's call to duty, Lieutenant Colonel Havron was granted his honorable discharge at Fort McPherson, Georgia on August 31, 1949, having earned the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the American Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal for his valiant service; and

WHEREAS, as a decorated veteran, James Cowan Havron was a proud fifty-two year member of American Legion Post 5 in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, recently recognized as a seventy-five year Master Mason, Mr. Havron was a past master, Free and Accepted Masons, 33rd degree, a past master of Trinity Consistory Scottish Rite, and a member of the Order of the Mystic Shrine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Havron was a devout member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville, which he served faithfully in numerous capacities during his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his wife, Jane Bright Havron, and his son, James Tyre Havron, Sr., Mr. Havron is survived by his daughter, Margaret J. Havron, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, James Cowan Havron 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James Cowan Havron, 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. James Cowan Havron.

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