

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 558

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Earl Bruce Parker of
Harriman.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Earl Bruce Parker; and

WHEREAS, Earl Parker 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, Mr. Parker served with acumen and alacrity as a lifelong businessman and former mayor of Harriman, in which positions he strived to develop his community while preserving its history and traditions; and

WHEREAS, a long-standing member of the local business community, he owned and operated The Printery, a flourishing Harriman institution for forty-six years; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with his wife, Eva, he also owned and operated The Printery Gift Shop and the local Radio Shack; and

WHEREAS, when he wasn't running one of his many successful businesses, Mr. Parker led a Graphic Arts course at the Midtown Vocational School, teaching marketable job skills to students of every background; and

WHEREAS, a faithful member of South Harriman Baptist Church for many years, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he made the most out of every moment of his life and always made time for his boating hobby, his tractor, his dogs, his cats, and especially his grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker, a dedicated family man, was preceded in death by his parents, Reta and Daniel Parker; his sisters, Neida Jaques, Grace Campbell, Juanita Minton, and Loretta Reece; his brothers-in-law, Stanley Jaques, Gene Campbell, and Richard McCuddy; his sisters-in-law, Evelyn Byrd and Mary Catherine Culbertson; and his niece, Sue Campbell; and

WHEREAS, he will be greatly missed by his wife, Eva Grace Guettner Parker; his daughter, Regina (Gina), and her husband, Ernie Ford; his grandsons, Adam Ford and Evan Ford; his twin brother, Gerald Parker, and his wife, Elizabeth; his sister, Euna McCuddy; his special friend, Chipper Dunn; his brothers-in-law, Henry Minton, Carl Reese, Houston Guettner and his wife, Nora, Raymond Guettner and his wife, Thelma, Hoke Culbertson and his wife, Bea, and George Byrd and his wife, Jeanne; his sisters-in-law, Barbara Guettner Oody and Elsie Sue Guettner Fraley and her husband, Sam; and his uncle, Hoyt Robinett; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by his nieces and nephews: Mike Jaques; Sharon Schueler and her husband, Bill; Phyllis Perry and her husband, John; Faye Southern and her husband, Joe; Cindy, Debbie, and Ricky McCuddy; Lana Jo Baltrip and her husband, George; Garnieta McNew and her husband, Joe; Richard Minton and his wife, Marilyn; Michael Parker; Rene McClain and her husband, David; Diane Kosier and her husband, Phil; Randy Guettner and his wife, Stacy; Kim Mullaney and her husband, Kevin; Rye Fraley and his wife, Amy; Rana Sarratt and her husband, Russell; Julie Kelly and her husband, Greg; and Taylor Guettner; his nineteen great-nieces and nephews; and his four great-great-nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Earl Parker 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 generous 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 Earl Bruce Parker, 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 Earl Parker.

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