

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Curtis Haynes of  
Trenton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Curtis Haynes; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Haynes 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. Haynes served with acumen and alacrity as a career employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service (USDA-SCS) and its successor agency, the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), in which position he earned the respect of those in agriculture and conservation throughout West Tennessee and across the State for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-four years, Curtis Haynes served as a soil conservation technician, helping farmers and landowners implement soil conservation practices and cropping methods. He helped train a number of agency engineers and conservationists in Tennessee during his tenure as they began their professional careers with the agency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haynes began his career in Benton County in 1958 as a part-time employee of the Soil Conservation Service and transferred to Gibson County in 1961, where he spent the remainder of his career, until 1994 when he retired; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Curtis Haynes worked on a number of major conservation projects throughout West Tennessee, including the West Tennessee Tributaries Project, Reelfoot Lake Erosion Survey, and Operation Save Our Soil; and

WHEREAS, born in northern Decatur County, Mr. Haynes was the only son of the late J.C. "Dutch" and Lois Haynes; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Haynes was an active and devout member of the Trenton Church of Christ, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Curtis Haynes enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Reba, and was the proud father of Anthony; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his grandsons, Alexander and Christopher, and his daughter-in-law, Katherine; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Haynes 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Curtis Haynes, 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. Haynes.

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