

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 61

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bill L. DeGuire of LaFollette.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bill L. DeGuire; and

WHEREAS, Bill DeGuire 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. DeGuire was born on February 2, 1936, and he served in the United States Navy with the utmost sense of duty and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, an entrepreneur for most of his life, Bill DeGuire was a respected businessman in his community; and

WHEREAS, being a man of faith, Mr. DeGuire was an active and devout member of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church, which he served for many years as a singer; and

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

WHEREAS, Bill DeGuire enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Merrilee, and was the proud parent of John Darren, Kristi Alvis, and Derek DeGuire. He and Merrilee both enjoyed his membership in Chapter TN-B of the Goldwing Road Riders Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeGuire is survived by his wife, Merrilee; daughter and son-in-law, Kristi and Charles Alvis; son and daughter-in-law, Derek and Ashley DeGuire; grandchildren, Lauren, Carson, Katheryn, Joseph, Samuel, Sunny, Rachel, Sarah, and Jadon; and a host of extended family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Bill DeGuire 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 the members of 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bill L. DeGuire, 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. DeGuire.

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