

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 155

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Marvin Keener upon being named the Rhea County Republican of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Marvin Keener, who was recently named the Rhea County Republican of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keener was born in north Alabama at the beginning of the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, he joined the United States Navy at eighteen years of age and served in the Korean War for six years, manning anti-aircraft guns on a heavy cruiser; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Keener married the love of his life, Mareta, in 1957; the couple moved from California to Chicago, where Mr. Keener worked with a number of Christian ministries as well as the Tyndale House and the Chicago Chamber of Commerce, which presented him with the Distinguished Salesman of the Year award in 1968; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, the Keeners moved to Dayton, where Mr. Keener worked at Bryan College before devoting his full attention to his business, Keener Marketing, which helps Christian ministries with fundraising and promotion; and

WHEREAS, a devout man whose love of his Lord and Savior has guided his life, Mr. Keener has served as an elder at Grace Bible Church, and he has dedicated his life to helping those in need in his community through jail ministry and housing those down on their luck; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Marvin Keener has served as a board member of the Women's Care Center and district governor of the Lions Club; he has also served with distinction as secretary, treasurer, chair, and chaplain of the Rhea County Republican Party, a position he still holds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keener's numerous accomplishments aside, he is also deeply devoted to his family and always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Keener is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Mareta; the Keeners are the proud parents of five children, Linda, Margie, Ruth, Flo, and Marvin Keener, Jr.; the loving grandparents of fourteen grandchildren; and the doting great-grandparents of thirteen great-grandchildren with another on the way; and

WHEREAS, through his estimable community involvement, Mr. Keener epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Marvin Keener for his dedication to Rhea County and its citizens; 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 hereby congratulate Marvin Keener upon being named the Rhea County Republican of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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