

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 349

By Hill

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bill Henard of Kingsport.

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

WHEREAS, Bill Henard, known to many as “Jingles,” 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. Henard served with acumen and alacrity as a machinist with the Mead Corporation, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work. He retired from the position in 1992 after forty years of superlative service; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Kingsport, Bill Henard was a member of the 1947 graduating class of Sullivan High School and served with valor and bravery in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, Bill Henard was well-known throughout the community for his dedication to playing the role of Santa Claus, accompanied by his wife as Mrs. Claus, for thirty-six Christmases; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henard was a founding member of Community Fellowship Baptist Church in Gate City, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Bill Henard deeply devoted to his family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-two years, Frances Reed Henard, and was the proud father and father-in-law of Robert and Lorna Henard and Morris and Francie Henard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henard will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Amanda Hensley, Shauna Walsworth, Jessica Henard, Heather Burton, Charlie Baker, Miller Henard, and Billie Henard; his great-grandchildren, Elijah Hensley, Jonah Hensley, and William Burton; and a host of friends and family members; and

WHEREAS, Bill Henard 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bill Henard, 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. Henard.

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