

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 365

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Colonel James E. Stone.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those Tennesseans who, throughout their years of service, have rendered sterling service in all of their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Colonel James E. Stone (retired), United States Army and U.S. Army Reserve, is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, a 1955 graduate of Woodbury Central High School, Colonel Stone attended Middle Tennessee State College, now Middle Tennessee State University, graduating in 1959; and

WHEREAS, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army and attended Officers Basic School at Fort Benning, Georgia, before completing the United States Army Flight School in Mineral Wells, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Colonel James Stone was then assigned to Fort Rucker, Alabama, for the completion of his flight school requirements, after which he was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, as part of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Screaming Eagles); and

WHEREAS, Colonel Stone served with bravery and valor in Vietnam in 1962–1963, flying more than 300 combat missions; and

WHEREAS, on his return stateside, he attended the Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War College and earned a master's degree in public administration from Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Colonel James Stone then gained appointment as the senior advisor to the Commanding General of the 125<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Command in Nashville, a post he held with

dignity and ability until his retirement in 1989 after thirty-five years of dedicated military service;  
and

WHEREAS, throughout those years of service, Colonel Stone flew more than 2,000 hours in helicopters, fixed-wing craft, and single- and twin-engine aircraft; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Colonel Stone earned two Bronze Stars, two Legion of Merit awards, twelve air medals, the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, he has dedicated his time and energies to a number of civic and community endeavors, including holding membership in the Hilton Stone American Legion Post 279 and tirelessly honoring the veterans of Cannon County for twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Stone is dedicated to family values of the highest order, and is most appreciative of the love and support he shared with his wife of fifty-eight years, the now-deceased Frances Ray McBroom Stone, and continues to share with his son and daughter-in-law, James E. and Greta Parsley Stone, and his grandchildren, Tyler, Sean, Tabby, Jacob, and Will; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we recognize Colonel Stone for his many contributions to the State of Tennessee and to the nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Colonel James E. Stone on his unwavering service to the United States military and its veterans, extending our best wishes for his success and happiness in all future endeavors.

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