

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 465

By Smith

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. W. J. Julian.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. W. J. Julian; and

WHEREAS, Dr. W. J. Julian 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, Dr. Julian served with acumen and alacrity as director of bands at the University of Tennessee (UT), Knoxville, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and students alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Julian became band director at the University of Tennessee in 1961. He inspired and guided countless musicians and students, and he was known for growing the band's national reputation, showmanship, and appreciation for innovation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Julian made many contributions to the band during his tenure, including designing the uniforms that band members still wear during public performances and to UT football games; and

WHEREAS, perhaps his most notable contribution was the introduction of the song that would later become synonymous with UT football, "Rocky Top," during a 1972 performance at a home game; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Julian also had an enormous impact on the band profession; he started Tennessee Band Masters, and served as president of every national and international band professional organization; and

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

WHEREAS, Dr. W. J. Julian 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. W. J. Julian, 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 Dr. W. J. Julian.

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