

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 485

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Franklin Burns of Henryville.

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

WHEREAS, Franklin Burns 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. Burns was born in Lawrence County on August 22, 1931, to Lonnie and Stella Burns; and

WHEREAS, filled with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism, Franklin Burns served honorably in the United States Army and was a veteran of the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burns served with acumen and alacrity as a maintenance repairman at Murray Ohio Manufacturing Company, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work. He was also employed by the Evers Construction Company, and he was the owner of Franklin Burns Electrical and a 175-acre farm he tended with his wife, Annette Burns; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the good people of his community, Franklin Burns served on the Lawrence County Board of Education from 1974 to 1991 and as a Lawrence County Commissioner from 1994 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, Mr. Burns was an active and devout member of the Springer Road Church of Christ; 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, Franklin Burns enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-one years, Annette Burns, and was the proud father of Douglas Burns, Pat Dial, Renee Newton, Tina Brown, and Terra Smith; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and children, Mr. Burns will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren, Amber Dial Nichols, Lindsay Cranston, Ashley Rail, Evan Burns, Brad Brown, Clint Newton, Kayla Brown, Tucker Newton, Addie Smith, and Laney Smith; his great-grandchildren, Jenna Dial, Catherine Dial, Nate Rail, Jax Cranston, Ava Rail, Dane Nichols, Cade Cranston, Pierson Newton, and Lila Cranston; and his siblings, Frances Franks, Norman Burns, and Kenny Burns; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Burns 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 Franklin Burns, 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. Burns.

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