

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 519

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend George "Everett" Ellison, Sr., and Ellison's Sanitary Supply Company.

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 George "Everett" Ellison, Sr., the founder and owner of Ellison's Sanitary Supply Company in LaFollette; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of LaFollette High School and East Tennessee State University, Mr. Ellison was a highly successful Fuller Brush and Electrolux salesman when, in 1954, he realized there was a need for cleaning supplies for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, refusing a promotion at his sales job, Everett Ellison partnered with Dick Sharp and founded Ellison Sanitary Supply Company in the basement of Mr. Ellison's home; and

WHEREAS, as the business continued to grow, it relocated to Aspen Street and later to East Beech Street next to the Big Creek Bridge; Ellison Sanitary Supply Company made its fourth and most recent move to Nevada Avenue in 1986 following the sudden death of Mr. Sharp; and

WHEREAS, today Ellison's Sanitary Supply Company continues to be a family-owned and operated business, selling paper goods, cleaning supplies, window cleaners, toilet paper, and more than fifty types of mops in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Everett Ellison epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Everett Ellison for his dedication to the State of Tennessee 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 honor and commend George "Everett" Ellison, Sr., and the employees of Ellison's Sanitary Supply Company for their tireless dedication to quality over the last sixty-three years and extend to them 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.