

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 554

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jimmie Lee Cunningham
of Weakley County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jimmie Lee Cunningham; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Cunningham 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, born on April 28, 1938, to J.C. and Christine Cunningham, Jimmie Cunningham was a lifelong resident of Weakley County; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Cunningham left his hometown of Gleason at the age of eighteen and moved to Peoria, Illinois, where he worked for five years. After returning to Gleason, Mr. Cunningham worked at the brick factory for one year, HIS for four years, and the clay company for forty-four years before retiring; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cunningham was an active and devout member of Sandhill Baptist Church in Gleason, which he served faithfully for forty years as deacon. He enjoyed serving in the ministry and spending time with his faithful friend, Pastor Donald Doster; and

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

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Jimmie Cunningham enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Jean, and was the proud father of two children, Angie (Barry) Lassiter and Kevin (Teresa) Cunningham; and the doting grandfather of two grandchildren, Brandy (Chris) Foust and Zach (Elizabeth) Cunningham; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cunningham is further survived by his brother, Lloyd (Lisa) Cunningham; his sister, Shirley Stafford; and many nieces, nephews, extended family, and beloved friends; and

WHEREAS, known by all who knew him as a true friend and model citizen, Jimmie Cunningham loved children and would often go out of his way to help a child in need; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Cunningham 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 Jimmie Lee Cunningham, 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. Cunningham.

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