

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 615

By Reedy

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jesse Harrison Stephenson, Jr., of Humphreys County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jesse Harrison Stephenson, Jr., an exemplary gentleman, former military man, and pastor who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on June 3, 1935, Jesse Stephenson was the son of Jesse Harrison Stephenson, Sr., and Nettie Bryson Stephenson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephenson was a member of the United States Air Force, serving two tours in Vietnam; he retired in April 1981 and moved with his family back to Humphreys County; and

WHEREAS, a faithful public servant, Jesse Stephenson served a four-year term as the county executive, and he was a pastor for thirty-three years at the Plant 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, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Barbara Lund Stephenson, until the time of her passing; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Robert Stephenson; his brother, C.W. Stephenson; and his sisters, JoAnn Clevenger and Jan Cothran; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Stephenson will be sorely missed but fondly remembered by his remaining sons, Jesse "Steve" (Donna) Stephenson III and Jeffrey (Tina) Stephenson; his daughter-in-law, Pam Stephenson; eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Stephenson 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 we should 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jesse Harrison Stephenson, Jr., 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. Stephenson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.