

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 642

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Henry Cox "Hank" McCall, Jr., of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Henry Cox "Hank" McCall, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Hank McCall 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, a Nashville native, Mr. McCall was born on January 14, 1925, to Ruth Bolling McCall and Henry Cox McCall, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Hank McCall was a member of Hillsboro High School's class of 1942, the school's first four-year graduating class; he volunteered and was accepted into the United States Navy at the age of seventeen but was not called to serve until July 1943; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCall proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II; after receiving officer training in the Navy V-12 College Training Program, he studied naval science at Rice University and, upon graduating, was commissioned an Ensign; and

WHEREAS, he was then sent to Pearl Harbor for Combat Information Officer training and was thereafter commissioned a CIO and assigned duty on the destroyer USS *Madison*, which would be his home in the Pacific for two years; and

WHEREAS, Hank McCall was in Tokyo Bay on V-J day, witnessing President Truman sign the Peace Treaty with the Japanese Emperor; he remained in Tokyo until his release from active duty, after which he served in the Naval Reserve, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCall returned to Nashville in 1946 to complete his undergraduate studies at Vanderbilt, and in 1950, he graduated from Vanderbilt School of Law; two years later, he married Joanne Wallace and moved to Columbia, where he pursued a career in law before transitioning to the insurance industry; and

WHEREAS, Hank McCall excelled in his chosen profession, pioneering the concept of underwriting and marketing to professional and trade groups through his company, Mid-South Benefit Plans, Inc.; in 1971, he, along with Bill Looper and Travis Anderson, established Financial Institution Services, Inc., (FISI), a company that initiated selling club packages to bank customers, which precipitated its meteoric rise and led to other entities mimicking the concept; and

WHEREAS, he then joined forces with Howard Sanders to found a subsidiary of FISI, Teletravel Services, Inc., which provided travel services as an enhancement to FISI bank customers; the success of this service resulted in Teletravel being ranked fourth in the country. In 1983, he took FISI public on the New York Stock Exchange, subsequently merging the company with Comp-U-Card International in 1985; and

WHEREAS, an intrepid entrepreneur of the greatest talent and ability, Mr. McCall began a career in real estate development in 1991 through his firm, Prime Properties, Inc.; the company's developments include Eastgate Business Park and Nashville East Logistics Center in Lebanon; and

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

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Wanda Sue Doyle; son, Henry Edward (Cathy) McCall; daughters, Barbara McCall (Jim) Pitman and Sue McCall (Scott) Thomas; stepdaughters, Wendy Doyle (Eric) Griffin and Lisa Doyle (Ken) Hill; grandchildren, Rachel Neal, James (Katherine) Pitman, Andrew (Emma Hensler) Pitman, Elizabeth Thomas, Daniel Thomas, Harding McCall, Joanna McCall, and Matthew McCall; step-grandchildren, Evie Griffin, Matthew Griffin, Molly Griffin, Ethan Hill, and Alexander Hill; and great-grandchildren, Lauren Pitman, David Pitman, Ryan Pitman, Clara Neal, and Henry Neal; and

WHEREAS, he will also be fondly remembered by his nephews, Bob (Mary Ellen) Tigert III and Bruce (Cynthia) Tigert; niece, Leanne (Emily Geoghegan) Tigert; grand-niece, Adair Tigert; and grand-nephews, Hunter (Tiffany) Tigert and Johnathan Tigert; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Ruth Ann McCall Tigert; brother-in-law, Robert Tigert; and Joanne Barbara Wallace McCall, the mother of his children; and

WHEREAS, Hank McCall 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Henry Cox "Hank" McCall, 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. McCall.

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