

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 649

By Cepicky

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Leonard Doyle Kirk of Lawrenceburg.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Leonard Doyle Kirk, a man of resolute Christian faith whose love for God, devotion to his family, and dedication to his friends inspired each individual he encountered; and

WHEREAS, born on February 5, 1930, in Ethridge, Leonard Kirk was the son of Fred Clarence Kirk and Cora Olive Staggs Kirk and a 1949 graduate of Lawrence County High School; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity at Independent Life Insurance Company for many years, where he was a member of the Million Dollar Club, before taking his much-deserved retirement in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk worshiped at various churches, including Midway Church of Christ and Flatwoods Church of Christ, where he ministered through song for twenty-four years, and Pulaski Street Church of Christ, where he taught classes and served as a deacon and elder for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual man, Mr. Kirk was guided by the principles of love and trustworthiness, exhibiting care and love to all; he desired to share the hope of the Lord with others, sowed seeds of the Gospel of God's saving grace wherever he journeyed, and served as an example to younger men of what a godly and caring husband looked like; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-three years, Betty Louise Gamble Kirk, with whom he was joined in marriage on July 22, 1958; three sisters, Viola Ellen Towell, Pearl Esther Anderson, and Opal Olive Wilkinson; and one brother, Clarence Virgil Kirk; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his son, Leonard Mark (Sara Jane) Kirk; three granddaughters, Lindsey Beth (Nathan) Tenpenny, Kimberly Anne Kirk, and Karen Elise Kirk; and several nieces and nephews, including Jan Kirk Wright, executive legislative assistant for Representative Scott Cepicky; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk 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 life of this exceptional gentleman 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 Leonard Doyle Kirk, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend our sympathy and condolences to his family and friends.

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.