

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 680

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joe Dan Fox of Celina.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joe Dan Fox; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dan Fox 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, the son of Edwin Walker "E.W." Fox and Anna Lee Williamson Fox, Mr. Fox was born in Celina on Friday, November 25, 1944; and

WHEREAS, first elected in 1993, Mr. Fox served three full terms as mayor of the Town of Celina and secured the first city-owned City Hall building; during his twelve-year tenure, he lowered taxes, supported the growth of the Celina Volunteer Fire Department, and continued water and sewer system improvements; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished professional and public servant, Joe Dan Fox also served his community as a farmer, an accountant, and a beloved school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox was an active and devout member of Celina Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dan Fox was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-nine years, Judy Gayle Vanderpool Fox, and he was the proud father of Dan Fox, Kim Upton, Becca Barlow, and the late Amanda Jane Fox; he was the devoted grandfather of Corey Barlow, Trevor Barlow, Bryson Barlow, Ben Upton, Emmy Jane Upton, and Walker Fox and the treasured great-grandfather of Cooper Barlow and Avery Barlow; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by special friend W.C. White and a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dan Fox 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 Joe Dan Fox, 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. Fox.

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