

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 700

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Earl Raymond Barham of Maryville.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Earl Raymond Barham, a veteran, farmer, deacon, and family man who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Riceville on July 13, 1934, Mr. Barham attended Everett High School before enlisting in the United States Naval Reserves in 1952 at the age of seventeen; he proudly served his country during the Korean War, during which he was assigned to the destroyer escort USS *Jack W. Wilke*, which carried out experiments in both tactics and sound equipment off Key West and conducted strategic missions in the West Indies; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to civilian life, Earl Barham married the love of his life, Evelyn Jane Kyker Barham, and together they raised four children while also operating the family farm that has been in operation for more than four generations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as a farmer, father, and husband, Mr. Barham worked as a crew director for Western Electric and later AT&T, from which he retired after thirty years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Earl Barham was an active member of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church in Maryville, where he served as a deacon; he was also a member of the National Rifle Association, the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, and the Blount County Farm Bureau, serving on the Farm Bureau Board for several years; 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, Mr. Barham is survived by his children, Janet (Tom) Ross, Linda (Bob Jr.) Davis, Ray (Angie) Barham, and John (Brigette) Barham; grandchildren, Ashton (Ryan), Halle (Mitch), Reese (Jen), Will (Kylie), Jack, Reed, Tyler, Alex, Isabella, and Kirksey; and great-grandchildren, Adaline, Isabella, and Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his brothers, Alfred Barham and David Barham; sister, Lucretia Barham Koppelman; and sisters-in-law, Ruth Barham and Eleanor Barham; and

WHEREAS, Earl Barham was preceded in death by his beloved wife of sixty-four years, Evelyn Jane Kyker Barham; his brother, Guy Barham; and his sister-in-law, Von Barham; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barham 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 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Earl Raymond Barham, 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. Barham.

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.