

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 704

By Whitson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Strickland Peach of Franklin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William "Bill" Strickland Peach; and

WHEREAS, Bill Peach 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 highly esteemed businessman and community leader, Mr. Peach began working in retail in downtown Franklin at the age of fifteen; after graduating from high school as senior class president and valedictorian, he began his professional career, which included the opening of the successful Pigg & Peach Men's Shop, a clothing store anchored in downtown Franklin for fifty-three years; and

WHEREAS, his tremendous legacy of community service includes service as president of the Jaycees, member of the Rotary Club, and the youngest chairman of the Merchants Division of the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Franklin Housing Authority for thirty-five years, Mr. Peach also rendered sterling service as a member of the Franklin Special School Board for sixteen years and the Williamson County Board of Education for eight years, during which time he helped facilitate the opening of eight new schools; he is the only person to have ever served on both boards; and

WHEREAS, a skilled writer and author who published six books, he was a founding member of Pull-Tight Players Theater and the Socrates Café Philosophy Group; and

WHEREAS, his vast influence on the City of Franklin includes his work on the current streetscape, planned during his tenure as president of the Downtown Franklin Association, which has become a beautiful, brick-lined retail attraction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peach enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-nine years, Emily Peach, and was the proud father of Rebecca (Larry) Piggott, Lucie (Danny) Logan, and Dea Peach; loving grandfather of Addison (Ellen) Clayton, Shelby Piggott, Emme Logan, Brant Piggott, Maddie Logan, Ford Logan, and Athena Peach; and doting great-grandfather of Strick Clayton; and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his sister, Burnetta Gary, and a host of extended family members, dear friends, former customers, and all those whose lives he touched in the Franklin community; and

WHEREAS, Bill Peach 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William "Bill" Strickland Peach, 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. Peach.

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.