

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 712

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Howard R. Winters of Soddy-Daisy.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Howard R. Winters of Soddy-Daisy; and

WHEREAS, Howard Winters 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, his service to his country and community was a constant, as he spent over thirty years with CSX Railways and was a member of both the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career, his devotion to helping others remained unwavering; more than fifty years ago, Mr. Winters and his wife, Carolyn, helped form the Soddy-Daisy Kids Club, where thousands of school-aged children participated in youth sports and learned valuable life lessons; and

WHEREAS, his faith was profound and inspiring to all who knew him, and he exerted every effort into ensuring that he exhibited the love of Christ to his family, friends, and community; he faithfully served as a deacon at Oak Street Baptist Church for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to the Lord was deeply ingrained in his family and brought them closer together, with Mr. Winters joining Grace Fellowship in support of his son Darrell Winters and offering constant encouragement in his son's journey as a pastor; and

WHEREAS, a loving husband, father, brother, son, grandfather, and friend to many, Mr. Winters always sought to positively shape generations to come; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his sister, Bobbie Hatfield; children, Howie (Cathy) Winters, Rhonda Wilson, Johnny (Stephanie) Winters, and Darrell (April) Winters; grandchildren, Christian, Candace (Ryan), Casie, Michael (Cortni), Taylor (Cody), Ashlyn, Natalie, and Annabelle; great-grandchildren, Lucy, Asa, Lincoln, Wyatt, and Raegan; in-laws, Mona (Brian), Louise (Billy Don), Stanley (Sandra), David (Pat), Tommy (Darlene), and Rhonda; and several nieces, nephews, extended family, and special friends Stanley and Evelyn Lewis; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-nine years, Carolyn Winters; parents, Bill and Bert Winters; siblings, Gene Winters, Marshall Winters, Vance Winters, and Billy Winters; granddaughters, Ava and Alexandria Winters; and son-in-law, Alan Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Winters 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 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 Howard R. Winters, 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. Winters.

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.