

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 718

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Lonnie L. Jackson of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Lonnie L. Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lonnie Jackson 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, born on March 3, 1938, in Washington County, Lonnie L. Jackson was the son of Robert Lee Jackson and Edith Irene Cantrell Jackson and a 1957 graduate of Jonesborough High School; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Jackson proudly served in the United States Navy from 1957 to 1961. He enjoyed a varied number of assignments and saw duty aboard the USS *Massey* (DD-778); and

WHEREAS, his Naval career also saw him deployed with the U.S. 6th Fleet and forces from NATO, active in the Caribbean and Mediterranean seas. In recognition of his distinguished service, he was awarded the National Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, after completing his military service, Lonnie Jackson was employed for a time as a civilian defense contractor for the Raytheon Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson was the first member of his family to graduate from college; he went on to pursue a career in health care after earning a Doctor of Chiropractic degree in 1974 from Palmer College of Chiropractic; and

WHEREAS, returning to East Tennessee, Dr. Lonnie Jackson served his community with quality chiropractic care for more than forty years, treating and healing thousands of patients with true kindness and compassion, even after the loss of his sight; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by his peers, Dr. Jackson received the Tennessee Chiropractic Association's Keith D. Bailey Chiropractic Service Award in 2013 for his dedicated mentorship of field doctors and students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson also shared his vast knowledge and training as a member of the TCA Eagle Society, working with legislators on chiropractic issues and supporting fellow chiropractors across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Brenda Greene Jackson, and was the proud father of Rick Taylor and Lisa Torbett, adoring grandfather of Staff Sergeant Weston Taylor, Chloe Lyons, Amanda Taylor, and Ellie Lyons, and the doting great-grandfather of Bettie Rae Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his two brothers, Melvin Jackson and Randy Jackson, and his two sisters, Dorothy Shell and Trishia Snowden; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lonnie Jackson 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 Dr. Lonnie L. Jackson, 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 Dr. Jackson.

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