

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 749

By Durham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Kent R. Davis of Franklin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Kent R. Davis, a retired engineer, local political activist, and staunch supporter of conservative political candidates and the Williamson County Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, renowned as a “community champion” and a strong proponent of economic freedom and self-determination, Mr. Davis contributed generously to the National Republican Congressional Committee, political action committees, and Republican political candidates in Tennessee and other states; and

WHEREAS, to honor Mr. Davis’s service to the community, his love for education, his patriot spirit, and his memory, the Williamson County Republican Party plans to donate a patriotic-themed and age-appropriate book to every school library in Williamson County Schools and the Franklin Special School District; and

WHEREAS, born in Stillwater, Oklahoma, Mr. Davis attended Oklahoma State University and earned a degree in chemical engineering; and

WHEREAS, he then enjoyed a thirty-five-year career with The Dow Chemical Company and also spent years researching and speaking at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis spent the later years of his life in Franklin, where he was actively involved in local political and education issues; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of Franklin First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable gentleman is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Dorothyhan Davis; children, Allyson Woods and Clayton Davis; sister, Ginger Harris; and seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis 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 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Kent R. Davis, a true American patriot, and reflect fondly upon his lifetime commitment to improving his community and the lives of his fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Davis.

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