

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 788

By Howell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Victor Willard Calfee, Jr., of Cleveland.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Victor Willard Calfee, Jr., of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, Victor Calfee 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 6, 1944, Mr. Calfee was highly regarded in his community as a hard worker and successful businessman, and part of his legacy entailed the family business, Calfee's; and

WHEREAS, Victor Calfee developed an entrepreneurial mindset early on, and his career began as a young man working alongside his father in the family's well-drilling business; the business expanded in the early 1970s to include a small grocery store and a gas station on Spring Place Road; and

WHEREAS, a welcoming place for all members of the Cleveland community, Calfee's has been in the family for more than thirty years; it is located on U.S. Highway 64, and Victor Calfee and his two brothers served as the leadership team; and

WHEREAS, as it continued growing, Calfee's went on to include two larger grocery stores in Bradley County; three gas stations; The Barn, a produce market on U.S. Highway 64; retail and residential rental locations; trailer sales; and self-storage; and

WHEREAS, Victor Calfee was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; he was a devoted and loving husband, a dependable father and grandfather, a steadfast brother, and a loyal friend to those who were blessed to know him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calfee will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his beloved wife of sixty years, Wanda Calfee; his daughters, Angela (William) Lamb and Melody (Kevin) Carroll; his son, Victor (Tonya) Calfee III; his grandchildren, Tyler (Megan) Lamb, Nick (Katelyn) Lamb, Ben (Lexie) Lamb, Austin (Marisa) Calfee, Savannah Carroll, Caitlyn (Colby) Shipley, Courtney Carroll, and Kinsley Calfee; his great-grandchildren, EverLee Lamb, Elijah Lamb, Grant Lamb, Eden Calfee, and Kenver Shipley; his siblings, Deanie (Robert) Malone, Richard (Renee) Calfee, and Leroy Calfee; numerous extended family members; his church family; and a host of special friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Margueretta Calfee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calfee was also deeply devoted to his faith; he was a charter member and deacon at Spring Place Church of God of Prophecy, where he and his wife held several leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, Victor Calfee 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 businessman 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 Victor Willard Calfee, Jr., 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. Calfee.

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.