

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 839

By Holsclaw

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Joseph Carl May of Elizabethton.

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph May was an exemplary physician and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on May 24, 1934, Dr. May was a graduate of Elizabethton High School and East Tennessee State College; he received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee Medical School and completed his rotating general internship in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph May practiced a broad scope of general medicine in Elizabethton, taking care of families from birth to the grave and making house calls throughout his career; he practiced by the philosophy that "Patients have a story to tell, and if you listen long enough, they will tell you what is really wrong with them."; and

WHEREAS, throughout his fifty-two-year career, Dr. May continued to increase his medical knowledge, and he was one of the first in the community to utilize external cardiac massage, now referred to as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); and

WHEREAS, he established the Carter County Evening Medical Clinic as the first walk-in evening clinic in the area, years before urgent care clinics were commonplace; he operated this clinic for more than thirty years, until shortly before his passing; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph May 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Joseph Carl May, 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. May.

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.