

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1005

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Malcolm "Max" Luther Orr of Soddy Daisy.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Malcolm "Max" Luther Orr; and

WHEREAS, Max Orr 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, Mr. Orr was born in Henagar, Alabama, to Estelle Ryan Orr and William W. Orr and spent much of his early life on a farm; and

WHEREAS, while attending Soddy Daisy High School, Mr. Orr enjoyed athletics and art in equal measure, playing football and basketball while acting in multiple school plays; an active student, he participated in the Beta Club, served as class president for three years, and received both the DAR Award and the American Legion Award; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Mr. Orr served in the Army Air Corps; he flew twenty-nine combat missions as a navigator on a B-24 bomber in the Pacific Rim, achieving the rank of First Lieutenant First Class and receiving the Air Medal Award with Oak Leaf Cluster; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, after marrying his high school sweetheart, Bobbie Keith, Mr. Orr joined the workforce as a carpenter, moving up the ranks to become a job supervisor, an estimator for contractors, and eventually the CEO of B&C Inc. Drywall Contractors until his retirement in 1991; and

WHEREAS, he served as president of the Chattanooga Contractors Association and spent two years teaching construction supervisor courses at Chattanooga State Community

College and thirteen years teaching carpentry apprenticeships at Kirkman Vocational School;
and

WHEREAS, as the city's first mayor, Mr. Orr was a foundational member of his community, serving on the Soddy Daisy Planning Commission for fifteen years and acting as chairman for fourteen years; he was also a charter member of a local volunteer fire department and a Lion's Club president; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr was an active and devout member of Cross of Calvary Community Church and a founding member of the Community Chapel Assemblies of God, where he taught Sunday school for over two decades; and

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

WHEREAS, Max Orr will be mourned yet fondly remembered by his loving wife of seventy-seven years, Bobbie Keith Orr; his daughter and son-in-law, Sherrill and James Card; his granddaughters, Elizabeth and Katherine Card; his cousins, Carolyn, Connie, and Tom Howard; a host of beloved nieces and nephews; and many other friends and extended family;
and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, June (Bill) Carroll, and his brothers, Fred (Jodie) Orr, Bill (Cassie) Orr, Herbert (Lucille) Orr, Dr. Jack T. (Annie) Orr, and Dr. Rex (Betty) Orr; and

WHEREAS, Max Orr 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 Malcolm "Max" Luther Orr, 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. Orr.

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.