

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1045

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Obie L. Duncan of
Wayne County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Obie L. Duncan; and

WHEREAS, born in Perry County on November 12, 1913, Mr. Duncan was a beloved citizen of Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, Obie Duncan 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. Duncan retired in 1966 after fifty years as an employee with the State of Tennessee in road maintenance supervision, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, during his retirement, Obie Duncan developed an interest in horses, both riding and training the animals. At one time, Mr. Duncan owned and trained a world champion Walking Horse; and

WHEREAS, at the age of ninety-seven, Obie Duncan was still riding one of his favorite horses, which he later gave to a young man who greatly wanted a horse of his own; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duncan was an active and devout member of the Waynesboro Church of Christ, where he was fondly known as the "bubble gum man" for the endless supply of bubble gum he carried in his pockets, ready to delight a child of any age; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Duncan enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Eloise Nutt Gresham Duncan; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Rita Duncan, with whom he shared sixty-three years of marriage until her death; and

WHEREAS, Obie Duncan 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Obie L. Duncan, 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. Duncan.

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