

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1069

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Demps Breeding of Lafayette.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Demps Breeding; and

WHEREAS, Demps Breeding 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 November 14, 1930, in White County, James Demps Breeding was the son of Willard Demps Breeding and Ida Saylor Breeding and one of eleven siblings; and

WHEREAS, after he graduated from high school, Mr. Breeding served with distinction in the United States Navy and hitchhiked back home to Tennessee from Connecticut after completing his military service; and

WHEREAS, Demps Breeding received his bachelor's degree from Tennessee Technological University and his master's degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, while attending college, he met the love of his life, Armenta Billings, and they were joined in holy matrimony on December 22, 1955; their joyous union was blessed with four children, Rita, Angie, Sabrina, and Jimmy; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Mr. Breeding was employed as the county extension agent for Macon County, and he and his family made their first home above the local funeral home before moving into their family home on Due West Circle in November 1960; and

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

WHEREAS, James Demps Breeding was preceded in death by his wife, Armenta Breeding; his son, Jimmy Breeding; his parents; his brothers, Charles S. Breeding, Joe Breeding, and David Breeding; and his sisters, Willene Steed, Ann Crossnine, and Katherine Fudge; and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his daughters, Rita White, Angie Hauskins, and Sabrina Nichols; his grandchildren, Briann Miller, Westly White, Alexander White, Elysia Stover, Lauren Hicks, Allen Whitaker, Tonia Powell, Andrea Robertson, Jessica Keene, and Kacie Breeding; twelve great-grandchildren; one-step great-grandchild; his brother, Butch Breeding; his sisters, Shirley Smith, Judy Huckaby, and Susie Turpin; and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, James Demps Breeding 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 James Demps Breeding, 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. Breeding.

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.