

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1083

By Helton-Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor Herman Schrader for his generosity and compassion as a member of the East Ridge community.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing a remarkable gentleman who makes the holidays brighter for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, each holiday season for more than twenty years, Herman Schrader of East Ridge has composed a beautiful Christmas tableau featuring an incredible 200,000 lights at his Jason Drive home; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schrader begins illuminating his Christmas display on the night after Thanksgiving and pulls the plug on the night after Christmas; the number of cars driving by his home to witness this awesome exhibit exceeds 20,000 during the month; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schrader's light display, which attracts visitors from near and far, has become a family Christmas tradition; his wife, Mary, his daughter, Starr, his granddaughter, Abby, and his great-granddaughter, Kynleigh, have all helped him erect and decorate this fantastic tableau, which he somehow manages to improve each year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to brightening the holidays for his friends and neighbors with his Christmas light display, Mr. Schrader gives back to the community by featuring charitable collections as part of the viewing experience; and

WHEREAS, for the past seven years, Mr. Schrader has collected money for the East Ridge Needy Child Fund, raising thousands of dollars for the charity; no matter the weather, he enjoys interacting with members of the public, sharing their joy in helping others; and

WHEREAS, because of their generosity and community spirit, Herman and Mary Schrader were named Grand Marshals of the 2022 East Ridge Christmas Parade; and

WHEREAS, a native of East Ridge, Mr. Schrader is a dedicated supporter of the University of Tennessee Volunteers football team; and

WHEREAS, as a high school student, he worked summers for his family's third-generation business, J.D. Helton Roofing Company; today, he serves as president of the company and is active in its day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schrader also owns seventeen real estate properties, most of them rental homes and apartments in East Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Herman Schrader enhances the joy of the Christmas season for his community while demonstrating concern and charity for the less fortunate among us, and he is most worthy of our approbation; 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 Herman Schrader for his generosity and compassion in raising money for the East Ridge Needy Child Fund as part of his awesome Christmas light display and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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.