

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1085

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Wendell Brown of Dayton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Wendell Brown; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Brown 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. Brown served with acumen and alacrity as the owner of Johnson Hardware and as past president of the Mid-South Retail Hardware Association, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Brown served the Dayton community as president of Dayton Rotary Club, a twenty-five year member of the Dayton City Council, Mayor of Dayton from 1999 to 2006, Vice Mayor of Dayton, a twenty-five year member and chairman of Dayton City Schools, and secretary of the Rhea County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, a U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict, Wendell Brown was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was a thirty-second degree Mason of Dayton Lodge #512, chairman of the American Red Cross, Cub Scout leader, and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 100; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Brown was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for over sixty years; and

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

WHEREAS, Wendell Brown enjoyed the loving companionship of Charlotte Green Brown and was the proud parent of Robert Brown (wife Bobbye), Mark Brown (wife Sheila), Mike Green, Sissy Owens (husband Chuck), and Kent Green; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Brown will also be dearly missed by his twelve grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and brother, Frank Brown and his wife, Marilyn: and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Brown; parents, Frank and Camolyra Swafford Brown; brother, Benny Swafford Brown; sister, Helen Brown; grandson, Cole Green; and great-grandson, Tucker Brown; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Brown 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 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Wendell Brown, 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. Brown.

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