

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1181

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joe C. Davis of  
Rogersville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joe C. Davis; and

WHEREAS, Joe Davis 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, Joe Davis served with acumen and alacrity in the Hawkins County School System for forty-four years as a teacher, administrator, and football coach, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, as coach of the Morristown High Warriors, he led the 1959 football team to the most recent undefeated season in Hawkins County history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was a graduate of Rogersville High School and East Tennessee State University, where he lettered in three sports; and

WHEREAS, Joe Davis was an active and devout member of the Rogersville First United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Joe Davis was preceded in death by his parents, Pat H. and Buena Bledsoe Davis; his brothers, Patrick H. Davis, Jr., Burleigh Carter Davis, and Jack Davis; and his sister, Irene Shay; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-one years, Katherine Davis, and was the proud parent of Jerry Lane Davis, Debbie Hurd and husband, David, and Danny Davis and wife, Lesa; and

WHEREAS, Joe Davis will also be dearly missed by his grandchildren, Katie Thurman and husband, Rob; Kimberly Hale and husband, Matt; Lucas Hurd; Courtney Davis; and Matt Davis; his great-grandchildren, Anna and Lydia Thurman; and his sister, Minnie Tavasci; and

WHEREAS, Joe Davis 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 Joe C. Davis, 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. Davis.

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