

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1213

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Arthur Lee "Doonie" German, Jr., of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Arthur Lee "Doonie" German, Jr., a gentleman who lived a long and meaningful life; and

WHEREAS, born on July 31, 1930, Mr. German was the son of the late Arthur Lee German, Sr., and Allie Mae Sorrell German; and

WHEREAS, Mr. German proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War and afterwards worked at International Harvester's pattern shop for many years before taking his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. German was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church of Somerville, where he served as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, he was also a member of the Somerville Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, above all, Mr. German loved country and bluegrass music, and his artistry on the mandolin brought joy to many; and

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

WHEREAS, the last survivor of his siblings, Mr. German was preceded in death by his six brothers and three sisters; his parents; and his beloved wife of nearly sixty-five years, Mary Florence Carter German; and

WHEREAS, Mr. German is survived by three sons, Steve German (Georgia), Charlie German (Debbie), and Melvin German (Janie); seven grandchildren, Joshua, Jane, Jacob, Calli, Jenni, Justin, and Lindsay; and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Lee "Doonie" German, Jr., leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life and compassion and loyalty in private life; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should remember this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Arthur Lee "Doonie" German, Jr., of Somerville, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his lifelong commitment to his family, his community, and his faith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. German.

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.