

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1310

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of J. Thomas Caldwell of Ripley.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of J. Thomas Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, J. Thomas "Tommy" Caldwell 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, an esteemed member of the legal profession, Tommy Caldwell practiced law for fifty-three years, including a tenure of over forty years as Lauderdale County Attorney; and

WHEREAS, an alumnus of the University of Mississippi, Mr. Caldwell played football for Ole Miss and was a 1962 graduate of its law school; and

WHEREAS, a fellow in the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, Tommy Caldwell was also an avid cattleman, a United States Air Force veteran, and a sixty-year member of Ripley Masonic Lodge #630; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caldwell was an active and devout member of First United Methodist Church of Ripley, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Caldwell enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Carol Rowland Caldwell; he was the proud father of Sarah Caldwell Driggers and William "Bill" Rowland Caldwell and the loving grandfather of Katherine "Katie" Brassfield; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Caldwell 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of J. Thomas Caldwell, 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. Caldwell.

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