

HOUSE RESOLUTION 19

By Richey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Gilbert Eblen Hartsell of Loudon County.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Gilbert Eblen Hartsell of Loudon County; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert Hartsell 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, born on June 4, 1928, Gilbert Hartsell served with acumen and alacrity in several positions throughout the years; he was a Mason, a proud United States Navy veteran, and, later in his life, he served as a recreational pilot; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed community leader, Mr. Hartsell owned and operated an accounting business in Maryville for several years, through which he constructed a professional reputation of financial integrity and proficiency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hartsell was a man of many talents and interests, and he committed much of his time to working on the family farm in Loudon County, which has been part of his family for generations; and

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

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of seventy years, Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hartsell will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his children, Jim (Suzanne) Hartsell and Jane (Gary) Raines; grandchildren, Lindsey, Angela, Rebekah, Zane, and Chris; and thirteen cherished great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hartsell and his wife were active and devout members of the Quaker church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hartsell 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 we 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Gilbert Eblen Hartsell, 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. Hartsell.

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