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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Harry Eleas of Bristol.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Eleas; and

WHEREAS, he 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, Harry E. Eleas was born in Alea, Greece, in September of 1924; as a young man, he was a shepherd and then went on to serve in the Greek Army after World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eleas eventually emigrated to the United States in 1951, originally residing in West Virginia; he made his final residence in Bristol, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eleas served with acumen and alacrity as a restaurateur, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; his Virginia Café and Athens Steakhouse were hometown favorites; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, where he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Harry enjoyed farming and working with his various animals; and

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

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty years, Betty Speropulos Eleas, and was the proud father of the late Harry E. Eleas, Jr., Georgea Green, Chris Eleas, and Harry H. Eleas; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his sisters Lula, Despina, and Angelo; grandchildren, Jonathan, Chris, Austin, Maria, Alexandra, Abigail, Sarah, and Tucker; along with a host of other family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eleas 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, that we honor the memory of Harry Eleas, 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. Eleas.

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