

HOUSE RESOLUTION 156

By Maggart

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gary Dean Copas on the celebration of his sixty-fifth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Gary Dean Copas will celebrate his sixty-fifth birthday on January 24, 2012, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the eldest of four children, Mr. Copas was born and raised in the Nashville area; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Gary Copas has served with acumen and alacrity as an attorney, in which position he has earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, after graduating with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Vanderbilt University in 1969, Gary Dean Copas enlisted in the Navy ROTC and was soon deployed to Vietnam on the *USS John A. Bole*; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to the states, he enrolled in law school at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, graduated in 1974, and began his career as an attorney for the United States Army Corps of Engineers in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 1977, he was joined in marriage with Jean Garrett Jackson, whom he met on Flag Day two years earlier in the Estes Kefauver Federal Building; and

WHEREAS, he treasured every moment of marital bliss with Mrs. Copas until her unfortunate death in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Copas will cherish his beloved wife's memory as he celebrates another birthday with their loving and devoted son, Christopher B. Copas;

WHEREAS, as he approaches his sixty-fifth year, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Gary Dean Copas on the celebration of his sixty-fifth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in the years to come.

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