

HOUSE RESOLUTION 196

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor Griffin Boyte on his lifetime of service to the Humboldt Rotary Club.

WHEREAS, this body is pleased to recognize a gentleman who has made significant contributions to the legal profession while actively participating in the social and civic lives of his community; and

WHEREAS, Griffin Boyte, the eldest and longest active member of the Humboldt Rotary Club, was recently honored with emeritus status on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his presidency; and

WHEREAS, now ninety-two years of age, Mr. Boyte has been a member of Humboldt Rotary for more than seventy years and served as its president in 1968-1969; and

WHEREAS, on his seventy-fifth birthday in 2000, Mr. Boyte was named a Paul Harris Fellow, one of the highest honors in Rotary; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Mr. Boyte enrolled in Vanderbilt University, but the U.S. military soon came calling during the dark days of World War II; after being drafted, he eventually became a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps and fought in the South Pacific theater, at one point serving on an island in Okinawa with four other soldiers from Humboldt; and

WHEREAS, after completing his military duty, he attended Vanderbilt and graduated in 1949; he then continued his education at the Vanderbilt School of Law, graduating in 1952; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyte returned home to Humboldt and partnered with attorney J. Frank Warmath to form the Warmath and Boyte law firm; and

WHEREAS, in addition to conducting a thriving legal practice, he also served as president of the Gibson County Bar Association, a fellow of the American Bar Association and a

council member of its general practice section, and president of the Tennessee Bar Association;
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyte served his community as Humboldt city judge, Humboldt city attorney, a longtime member of the Gibson County Commission, and a delegate to two Tennessee Constitutional Conventions, 1959 and 1965; and

WHEREAS, he is a past president of the Humboldt Jaycees, the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, and the Humboldt Golf and Country Club and was one of the founders of Bailadores, a men's social club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyte expresses his faith as a member of First Baptist Church, where he has served as church clerk and superintendent of the Adult Sunday School Department; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and personal accomplishments aside, Mr. Boyte is fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife of sixty-five years, Carol, and their children, George Boyte, Kitty McKee, and Bonnie Capsuto; and

WHEREAS, Griffin Boyte is a man of honor and integrity, and his generosity as a public servant and a citizen should be memorialized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and recognize Griffin Boyte on his lifetime of service to the Humboldt Rotary Club, the legal profession, and his community and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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