

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dave Rider of Elizabethton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dave Rider; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rider 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, a native of War, West Virginia, Dave Rider was the son of Lucille Payne Rider; he attended Big Creek High School, where he played football for legendary coach Merrill Gainer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rider received his Bachelor of Education degree from West Virginia University; he was a beloved coach and teacher, beginning his tenure at J.I. Burton High School before transitioning to Tazewell High School and ultimately retiring from Elizabethton High School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dedication to a career in education, Dave Rider was an avid golfer and a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Mr. Rider was an active member of Southside Christian Church, where he served as a deacon for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Dave Rider will be fondly remembered by his wife of sixty-three years, Deanna Rider; his children, Kim Barnett and Scott (Patty) Rider; three grandsons, Ryan (Kelly)

Witten, Shawn (Katie) Witten, and Jason (Michelle) Witten; and three granddaughters, Hannah Rider, Abigail (Evan) Ford, and Emily Rider; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by seven great-grandchildren, C.J. Witten, Cooper Witten, Rider Witten, Natalie Witten, Landry Witten, Hadley Witten, and Brooke Witten; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his mother, Mr. Rider was preceded in death by his grandmother, Margaret Payne; his brother, Jim Rider; his sister, Billie James; and his son-in-law, Rusty Barnett; and

WHEREAS, Dave Rider 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dave Rider, 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. Rider.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.