

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 295

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Tommy George Haun of Greeneville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and former colleague Tommy George Haun, a member of the 96<sup>th</sup>, 97<sup>th</sup>, 98<sup>th</sup>, 99<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup>, 101<sup>st</sup>, and 102<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies, who served from 1989 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Haun was a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of his beloved Greene County for many years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his illustrious tenure in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, Mr. Haun was a well-known local insurance agent, educator, and gospel singer; and

WHEREAS, the son of Reverend Taylor and Gertrude Haun, Tommy Haun was born on August 9, 1950, in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Greeneville, he was a graduate of South Greene High School, played basketball at Cleveland State Community College, and received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haun was a former teacher, coach, and principal of Mosheim Elementary School and later served as chairman of the Greene County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Tommy Haun was elected to serve the people of the 8<sup>th</sup> District as a member of the House of Representatives, representing the citizens of Greene County; and

WHEREAS, quickly earning the respect and admiration of his peers, he was named 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Freshman Legislator of the Year, 97<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Co-Legislator of the Year, and 98<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Legislator of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Haun was later elected to serve the people of the 1<sup>st</sup> Senate District as a member of the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; over the course of his fourteen years in the legislature, he served on a number of committees, including as chair of the Senate Transportation Committee and member of the Senate State and Local Government, the House

Commerce Committee, the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the House Government Operations Committee, and the Joint Fiscal Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haun also served as a member of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and was one of eleven members of the House of Representatives selected to serve on the Budget Conference Committee and one of five selected to serve on the Congressional Redistricting Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was also highly respected as a State Farm Insurance agent, having operated his own agency since 1980, and he was a longtime member of the Life Underwriters organization; and

WHEREAS, a farmer of beef cattle and tobacco, Mr. Haun won wide acclaim over the years in his role as a spokesperson for Tennessee tobacco farmers; and

WHEREAS, wholly dedicated to serving his community, Tommy Haun was a member of the Exchange Club of Greeneville and a former member of the Greene County Partnership's board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haun was a faithful member of Asbury United Methodist Church, which he served in numerous capacities over the years; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Debany Elizabeth Haun; two sisters, Ann (Wade) McCamey and Eddie (Curtis) Yates; nieces and nephews, Tonya (Ryan) Wilson, Todd (Amanda) McCamey, and Trent D. Henry; and great-nieces and -nephews, Chloe Smith, Allie McCamey, and Butler Smith; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Haun 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 remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Tommy George Haun, 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. Haun.

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.