

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 462

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Thomas Sharp of Franklin.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Sharp 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, Thomas Sharp served with acumen and alacrity as a six-term Metro Councilman, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and constituents alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sharp worked as a council representative from 1966 until 1991; a hard worker, he always aimed to serve the citizens of Nashville and bring honor to the position he held; and

WHEREAS, he had a strong historical perspective of the council and city government; and as a councilman, his goal was to do what was in the best interest of the public; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Sharp was a 1945 graduate of Father Ryan High School, an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus Council #544, and a fourth degree member of the Bishop Adrian Assembly; and

WHEREAS, he spent time in the Merchant Marines, which allowed him to travel around the world, and later served in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many years on the Metro Council, Mr. Sharp spent forty years working for the Newspaper Printing Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sharp was an active and devout member of the Catholic church, which served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Sharp 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-four years, Margaret, and

WHEREAS, together they were the proud parents of three daughters, Julia Sharp Ribar, Evelyn Sharp Redwine, and Catherine Sharp Zoladz, and six sons, Thomas Sharp, Jr., Robert Sharp, Joseph Sharp, Charles Sharp, J. Andrew Sharp, and Mark Sharp; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sharp is also survived by his twenty grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, all of whom brought great joy to his life; he will also be sorely missed by a host of other family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Sharp will not only be remembered for his countless contributions to the people of Middle Tennessee, but also his charming personality and eagerness to help others; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Sharp 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Thomas Sharp, 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. Sharp.

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