

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 464

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Lipscomb Davis, Jr. of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. William Lipscomb Davis, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, W. Lipscomb Davis, Jr. 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 highly successful businessman, W. Lipscomb Davis, Jr. was a member of the esteemed Davis family of Nashville and served as the President of the Davis Cabinet Company from 1965 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, William Lipscomb Davis, Jr. was the son of William Lipscomb and Annee Haley Davis, and attended Montgomery Bell Academy and Vanderbilt University where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi and Omicron Delta Kappa honorary fraternity; and

WHEREAS, entering the United States Army after graduating from Vanderbilt in 1953, Mr. Davis served as a lieutenant and was stationed in Germany from 1954 to 1955 before returning home to join his father at Davis Cabinet Company in 1956; and

WHEREAS, after nine years with the family business, Mr. Davis was named President of Davis Cabinet Company in 1965 and would continue in that position until 1980 when he became a partner in Hillsboro Enterprises; and

WHEREAS, W. Lipscomb Davis, Jr. served with acumen and alacrity on the boards of Bradford Furniture Company, Gale Smith and Company, Genesco, Life and Casualty Insurance Group, Murray-Ohio Manufacturing Company, Nashville City Bank, Thomas Nelson Inc., The Potomac Group, Third National Bank, Third National Corporation, SunTrust, and Nashville Bank & Trust (now Truxton Trust Company); and

WHEREAS, he also served on the boards of American General Insurance Company, Bradford Showroom, Durr-Fillauer Medical Inc., Peden Steel, Rhodes College, and Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association; and

WHEREAS, an acknowledged community leader, Mr. Davis was a board member of the Sam M. Fleming Foundation, the M. Stratton Foster Foundation, Junior Achievement, Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts, Montgomery Bell Academy, the Rotary Club, Chairman of the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation, United Cerebral Palsy, and President of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, an avid golfer who greatly respected the history and traditions of the game, William Lipscomb Davis, Jr. was a member of The Augusta National Golf Club, The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, a founding member of The Golf Club of Tennessee, and a former President of the Belle Meade Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was an active and devout member of the First Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a Deacon, Elder, and Clerk of the Session; and

WHEREAS, W. Lipscomb Davis, Jr. was also deeply devoted to his family, and he enjoyed the loving companionship of his beloved wife of fifty-six years, Florence Stumb Davis, and was the proud parent of William Lipscomb Davis III (Kim), Adelaide Davis Stevens, and Virginia Annee Davis; and adored grandfather of Lipscomb Davis IV (Rachel), Haley Davis, Will Hannon (Mary Julia), Janie Hannon, Ro Stevens, and Davis Stevens; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his parents and sister, Martha Davis Sarratt, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his mother, Adelaide Shull Davis; his brother, Harrison Shull Davis (Robbie); and his brother-in-law, Dr. Paul R. Stumb (Mary); and

WHEREAS, William Lipscomb Davis, Jr. 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 William Lipscomb Davis, Jr., 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. Davis.

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