

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 570

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ed Haley upon the occasion of his eightieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to join those former members who are celebrating special occasions in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Ed Haley, who served as a member of the House of Representatives representing House District 95 during the 97th, 98th, 99th, and 100th General Assemblies, will celebrate his eightieth birthday on February 18, 2018, a significant milestone in the storied life of this estimable public servant; and

WHEREAS, born in Kerrville in 1938, Representative Haley graduated from Millington Central High School in 1956; he later continued his education through coursework at Memphis State University and the University of Tennessee Center for Government Training; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from high school, he joined the United States Air Force and proudly served his country for four years, from July 9, 1956, through July 8, 1960, obtaining the rank of Airman First Class and earning an honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, for more than fifteen years, Representative Ed Haley served as the Superintendent of the Town of Arlington, during which time he worked diligently to make the town safe with first-class infrastructure such as improved roadways, bridges, walking trails, parks, a Sports Complex, sewer and drainage improvements, and a community safe room; he also helped secure millions of dollars in federal and state grants for Arlington during his time as Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming Town Superintendent, he served as a Millington alderman, a member of the Municipal Airport Authority, and a member of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, for eight years, Representative Ed Haley served the people of Tennessee and House District 95 with integrity and decorum; in 1994, 1996, and 1998, he was recognized as the Legislator of the Year by the Tennessee Development Districts, the County Officials Association of Tennessee, and the Homebuilders Association of Tennessee, respectively; and

WHEREAS, he has a long history of service and recognition as a civic leader in his community and beyond. He has held pivotal leadership positions with the Jaycees at the local, state, and national levels; was chosen as the Millington club's Jaycee of the Year in 1968, 1969, and 1971; and, in 1968 and 1969, received the United States Jaycee Presidential Award of Leadership and Achievement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haley has given dedicated service to Millington's Optimist and Rotary clubs, Environmental Control Board, and United Fund; Tennessee's Municipal League, City Managers Association, Conservation League, and Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; and the National Cancer Society, Gideons International, and the Shriners, as a 32nd Degree Mason; and

WHEREAS, Ed Haley's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of Faith Assembly of God, where he worships regularly and supports the church's administrative functions by holding leadership positions as needed; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Haley is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Kay Molinski-Haley, and their three sons, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ed Haley epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor, and he has ably served the people of Shelby County for many decades; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby join our former colleague Representative Ed Haley in celebrating his eightieth birthday, wishing him many happy returns of the day.

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