

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 679

By Reeves

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Edward Elam "Ebby" Miller, Jr., of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Edward Elam "Ebby" Miller, Jr., a sixth-generation resident of Rutherford County who has left behind an indelible legacy of community service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller grew up on his family's farm on South Church Street in Murfreesboro, where the city's current post office stands; after graduating from Central High School, he proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force before attending Middle Tennessee State College; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, Mr. Miller began his long and distinguished career by founding his own business, which would later become Miller Insurance; and

WHEREAS, he was especially proud of his accomplishments as a member of the Murfreesboro Kiwanis Club; in 2019, he was honored as "Kiwanian of the Year" for his seventy-one years of service, and at the time of his death, he was the longest-living member of Kiwanis International; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller also gave back to his community as a Rutherford Hospital board member, a founding member of the Christy-Houston Foundation, and a stalwart supporter of the American Red Cross, through which he donated more than one hundred pints of blood; and

WHEREAS, he also rendered astute service as a commissioner and chairman of the Murfreesboro Housing Authority, a member of the Evergreen Cemetery Commission, and a volunteer for Dispensary of Hope; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller was the oldest living member of Stones River Country Club at the time of his passing, and he enjoyed many years of fellowship with his peers as a member of the Rutherford County Sportsman's Club; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith who lived a blessed life, he began his membership at First Baptist Church on the Cradle Roll at the time of his birth some ninety-five years ago; and

WHEREAS, Ebby Miller and his beloved wife, Betty, enjoyed spending time at Center Hill Lake, and they traveled extensively with a wonderful group of friends, making lifelong memories; and

WHEREAS, Edward Elam "Ebby" Miller, Jr., is survived by his loving wife of forty-two years, Betty Halliburton Miller; his children, Marimae (George) White, Connie (Mark) Wilson, and Edward Elam "Eddie" (Renee') Miller III; his grandchildren, Mary Elam (Mark) Polk, Miller Wilson, Holly Wilson, Emily (Collin) Smith, Elisabeth (John) Vaughn, Jane (Dennis) Hearnberger, and Edward Elam Miller IV; his great-grandchildren, Jackson and Bradley Polk, Mary Bryant, Leila and Georgia Vaughn, Duke and Miller Hearnberger, and ElizaJane Smith; his stepchildren, Ken (Lisa) Halliburton and Kay Halliburton; his step-grandchildren, Chase Pendergast, Reid Halliburton, and Taylor Halliburton; his sister, Frances "Sis" Miller; and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Leila Mae and Edward Elam "Pluck" Miller, Sr.; the mother of his children, Ruth Leathers Miller; and his brothers, Ira Bradford Miller and William Crawford Miller; and

WHEREAS, for ninety-five years, Mr. Miller "fought the good fight," and he has now "finished the race... (and) kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7); 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 Edward Elam "Ebby" Miller, Jr., reflecting fondly

upon his life of purpose and commitment to others, and extend our sympathy and condolences to his family and many friends.

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.