

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 796

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Herman A. Stribling, Jr. of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Herman A. Stribling, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stribling was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional educator who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens through his teaching and in numerous other capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stribling served with acumen and alacrity as an inspiring and influential professor of economics at East Tennessee State University (ETSU), in which position he earned the respect of his peers and students alike for the exemplary quality of his teaching; and

WHEREAS, those fortunate to know Dr. Stribling will remember him as an avid tennis player, an accomplished and passionate musician, and Northeast Tennessee's greatest University of Alabama fan; and

WHEREAS, Herman Stribling was a native of Georgetown, South Carolina, and the son of the late Herman Stribling, Sr. and Carrie Snelson Stribling; and

WHEREAS, he received his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Alabama, where he played in the fabled Million Dollar Band. He subsequently taught economics at his alma mater before moving northward to the Tennessee institution he came to love; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stribling served as the assistant dean of the College of Business at ETSU for a number of years before his retirement from that position; however, he continued to teach well into his eighties. In 2005, he was presented the Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award from the College of Business and Technology for his many years of service and his dedication to the education of today's men and women of business; and

WHEREAS, possessing and treasuring incredible musical gifts, Dr. Stribling brought joy to many around the community by expressing his talents; along with his daughter, he was a founding member of the Johnson City Symphony and of the Johnson City Community Band. With the latter group, he enjoyed several sea cruises on which musical artistry was the theme; and

WHEREAS, he was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Air Corps as a celestial navigator for B-29 aircraft. He also served with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a fingerprint classifier in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stribling was an active and devout member of the Munsey Memorial Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a member of the administrative board; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of Johnson City Masonic Lodge #486 and had attained the distinction of 33rd Degree Mason; he also was a member of the Jericho Shrine Temple and Sons of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stribling was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society and of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity, the world's largest and oldest fraternal society of music; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stribling was 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, Mary Loyd Stribling, with whom he had a daughter, Vickie, and a son, Buddy. He will be missed by his granddaughters, Jennifer, Kathryn, and Madison; his grandson, Alex; and his great-grandson, Finnegan; and

WHEREAS, Herman Stribling 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 educator 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 Dr. Herman A. Stribling, 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 Dr. Stribling.

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