

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 796

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mayor John Coombs of Goodlettsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Coombs, Mayor of the City of Goodlettsville; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Coombs 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, John Coombs graduated from Goodlettsville High School in 1963 before furthering his education at Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, while at Tennessee Tech, Mr. Coombs received a Reserve Officers' Training Corps commission in the United States Army, and he served with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism as a first lieutenant until 1969; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-five years, John Coombs served with acumen and alacrity in a variety of positions at Essilor of America, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a devoted public servant, John Coombs was elected Mayor of the City of Goodlettsville in 2012, a duty he fulfilled admirably by adhering to his principles, following his conscience, and listening to the people of Goodlettsville; and

WHEREAS, prior to serving as mayor, Mr. Coombs served as vice mayor for two years, as a member of the City of Goodlettsville Board of Commissioners for four years, and as a member of the Regional Transit Authority and Planning Organization Board for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, John Coombs coached Goodlettsville Dixie Youth Baseball for many years; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, John Coombs was an active and devout member of the Goodlettsville Cumberland Presbyterian Church for more than forty years, and he served faithfully in a variety of roles, including Elder, Sunday school teacher, and chairman of the church's 175th anniversary committee; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, John Coombs will be fondly remembered by his wife of more than fifty years, Linda Coombs; his daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Brad Woodis; his son, Chris Coombs; and his three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service as mayor, John Coombs distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the people in his community; he will be remembered for his love of fishing, his strong handshake, his unshakable faith, and his ongoing efforts to help the City of Goodlettsville reach the greatest of heights; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Coombs was a credit not only to Goodlettsville but to the entire State of Tennessee, and it is most appropriate that the members of 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Coombs, 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 Mayor Coombs and the people of Goodlettsville.

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