

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 867

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of A. David Hembree of Rockwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of A. David Hembree; and

WHEREAS, David Hembree 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, born on November 26, 1939, Mr. Hembree was the son of Alvin Hembree and Arleva Hembree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hembree was a member of the class of 1957 at Rockwood High School, and he later graduated from Louisiana State University's Graduate School of Banking in 1969; his thirty-seven-year career in banking ended with his retirement from Regions Bank as vice president; and

WHEREAS, in his personal life, Mr. Hembree enjoyed many hobbies and passions, particularly those relating to sports and athletics; he earned the distinction of second flight champion of the Rockwood Golf and Country Club in the 1970s and remained an avid University of Tennessee fan until his passing; and

WHEREAS, the former treasurer of Rockwood Golf and Country Club, Mr. Hembree evinced his devout religious faith as a member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, where he served as an Elder Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hembree 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 of more than sixty-one years, Jenny Long Hembree, and was the proud father of sons Wade (Melanie) Hembree and Mark (Kathy) Hembree, and daughter Meredith (Phil) Denobriga; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and children, Mr. Hembree leaves to mourn his memory his five dear grandchildren, Walker Hembree, Molly Hembree, Will Hembree, Emily Hembree, and Macy Denobriga; and his brother, Larry Hembree; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and his sister-in-law, Donna Hembree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hembree 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 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of A. David Hembree, 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. Hembree.

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.

