

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 867

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Elihu "Eli" Meador.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Elihu "Eli" Meador; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meador 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, Eli Meador was born in Kingswood, Kentucky, on March 30, 1926; and

WHEREAS, he served with valor and distinction as a proud member of the United States military in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meador was a graduate of Murray State University, and he attended graduate school at the University of Kentucky before making his home on the family farm of his beloved wife, June, outside Gleason, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Eli Meador devoted his life to agriculture, serving with acumen and alacrity as a high school teacher and, later, as a farm credit manager and real estate appraiser; and

WHEREAS, having lived through the Dust Bowl years with his family in Nebraska, he was committed to soil conservation and stewardship of the land and was a longtime Director of the Middle Fork of the Obion River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meador was an avid sportsman who loved to hunt and enjoyed grafting and growing pecan trees; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of Olivet United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Eli Meador was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, June; his daughter, Melinda and her husband, Milton McNally; his son, Lem and his wife, Bonnie Barclay; his grandsons, Jake and Cale; his step-grandsons, Christian and Jordan McNally; his sister, Amelia Tate; his sister-in-law, Toni Meador; and numerous nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Eli Meador 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 public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Elihu "Eli" Meador, 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. Meador.

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