

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 886

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Douglas Binford on the celebration of his eightieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Binford will celebrate his eightieth birthday on January 25, 2024, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born on January 25, 1944, in Parkersburg, West Virginia, Douglas Binford moved between multiple towns in West Virginia before settling in Cincinnati, Ohio, to finish high school; his success was reflected in his impressive grades and his prowess in a range of sports, including basketball, baseball, football, and track; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation, Mr. Binford spent several months working with his father in advertising and a few years working at a car dealership before eventually taking a part-time job at Kroger and beginning classes at West Virginia State College in 1964; not long after, he met his first wife, Randall R. Weidman, and the two were married in 1966 and finished their degrees together; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Binford's outstanding performance at Kroger earned him the title of Store Manager, and he quickly achieved three promotions to higher volume stores before becoming the Division Merchandising Manager in Charleston, West Virginia, and later the Division Sales Promotion Manager in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, after moving between Ohio and Texas and spending over twenty-five years with Kroger, Mr. Binford accepted the Vice President position with Red Food Stores in Chattanooga; following the purchase of Red Food Stores by BiLo Food Stores, Mr. Binford worked with National Convenient Stores and Diamond Shamrock before serving as a consultant

with Pueblo Supermarkets in Puerto Rico and later helping with an expansion project for Pharmore Drug Stores; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Mr. Binford returned to San Antonio, Texas, and purchased a decoration store with his wife, managing the establishment for ten years before retiring to Franklin, Tennessee, to be close to his daughter, Margaret, and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Binford's beloved wife Randall passed away on July 5, 2017, and two years later, he found love again when he met Mary Rebecca "Becky" Logsdon, whom he married on September 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Binford enters his ninth decade, he is an active and productive member of the Ashton Park community in Franklin, who is admired for his wisdom, guidance, and generosity; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; 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 hereby honor and congratulate Douglas Binford on the celebration of his eightieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

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.