

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1158

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to commend Claude Smith Harvey, Jr., for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Claude Smith Harvey, Jr., is one such commendable citizen who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Harvey has been a prominent and highly influential figure in the social and civic lives of the good people of Roane County, distinguishing himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to this State; and

WHEREAS, born January 12, 1931, in Fort Worth, Texas, he moved to Roane County at the age of three; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Oliver Springs High School in 1948, he furthered his education while attending the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a successful and distinguished businessman, Mr. Harvey owned and operated Harvey's Furniture and Appliances for sixty-two years; known for his dedication to providing outstanding customer service and quality products, he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and customers alike for his professionalism and sound business practices; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in his community, Claude Harvey has offered his time and energies to a number of noteworthy organizations, dedicating to each his coveted leadership abilities. He is chairman of the Oliver Springs Historical Society, chairman of the Oliver Springs Housing Authority, a member of the Roane County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the

Foundation Board of Directors for Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge, and a past class member of Leadership Roane County; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a deep appreciation for the benefits and opportunities created by a quality education, Mr. Harvey has committed his philanthropic efforts to several educational institutions; as a member and past chairman of the Roane State Community College Foundation Board of Directors and a past member and chairman of the Roane County Board of Education, he annually provides attendance scholarships and prizes for the students at Oliver Springs High School and provides scholarships for students attending Roane State Community College; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, he was recognized as Businessman of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce and he has been named to the Oliver Springs High School Hall of Fame in recognition of his invaluable support; and

WHEREAS, as a devoted member of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church for over fifty years, Claude Smith Harvey, Jr., is known for his solid Christian belief, his service and love, and his role as a reservoir of faith and outreach to the people of Roane County; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime deacon at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, he has also served with the utmost integrity and character as a Sunday School teacher for over fifty years, Monday night youth meeting director for twenty years, and, since retiring from fifty years of service as music director, he was named an honorary lifetime music director; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Harvey is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Jennie Maxine Brown, and their four children Claudia Maxine, Donna Maria, John Thomas, and Claude Smith III; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey is also the devoted grandfather of five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, Claude Harvey epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Claude Smith Harvey, Jr., for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee, applaud his vaunted level of success and his dedication to excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

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