

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7006 of the First Extraordinary Session

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Arthur G. Seymour, Jr.,
of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Arthur Gloster Seymour, Jr., an attorney who possessed a genuine affinity for the law and distinguished himself as a fervent advocate for his clients; and

WHEREAS, a native of Knoxville, Mr. Seymour was a graduate of the University of the South, where he served as Grand Master of Kappa Sigma fraternity, and the University of Tennessee College of Law; and

WHEREAS, after serving a two-year stint in the U.S. Army, Mr. Seymour and his beloved wife, Susan Thomson Seymour, returned to Knoxville, where he began practicing with Frantz, McConnell and Seymour, LLP, the law firm founded by his grandfather, Charles Milne Seymour; and

WHEREAS, for nearly five decades, Mr. Seymour maintained a broad and diverse practice; passionate yet practical, he tried civil cases of almost every description in state and federal courts; and

WHEREAS, renowned for wearing fedoras, Mr. Seymour was especially adept at representing clients seeking rezoning and development approvals from local legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seymour had been recognized as one of the 150 best lawyers in Tennessee and was a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, Knoxville Bar Association, International Association of Defense Council, National Association of Railroad Trial Council, and a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; and

WHEREAS, he gave back to his community as a member of the Men's Cotillion Club; president, board member, and attorney for the East Tennessee Historical Society; board

member of the Knoxville Symphony Society; trustee of the Knoxville/Knox County Public Library System; president and board member of the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority; and board member of the Episcopal School of Knoxville; he also served on the board of trustees of his alma mater, the University of the South; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of St. John's Cathedral, Mr. Seymour was baptized there in 1945, served on the vestry board for decades, and was a senior warden, lay reader lector, chalice bearer, and Eucharistic visitor, taking communion to the sick and homebound; and

WHEREAS, this titan of the legal profession is survived by his wife, Susan Thomson Seymour; brothers, H.M. "Max" (Mimi) Meredith, M.D., and Ward Seymour; sister, Elizabeth (Philip "Nik") Eschbach; nephews, Randy Meredith, Charles (Ellen) Seymour, Andrew Seymour, and Arthur Eschbach; and niece, Anna Eschbach, and her husband, Jeremy Katalenic; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Evelyn and Arthur G. Seymour; and

WHEREAS, a truly unique individual, Mr. Seymour was widely respected for his skill as an attorney and his integrity in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should remember this exceptional attorney, public servant, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Arthur G. Seymour, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his many accomplishments in the legal profession, and his many contributions to the Knoxville community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Seymour.

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