

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7012 of the First Extraordinary Session

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Clyde Wesley "Pete"
Craven of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Clyde Wesley "Pete" Craven; and

WHEREAS, Pete Craven 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 in Gibsonville, North Carolina, in 1934, Mr. Craven was the eldest of ten children born to Clyde Wesley Craven and Ruby Glosson Craven; he and his family moved to Oak Ridge in 1943, and he graduated from Oak Ridge High School in 1952; and

WHEREAS, Pete Craven married his best friend and high school sweetheart, Wanda Parrett, on June 14, 1952; the couple had two daughters and one son, who died as an infant in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Craven proudly served as an intelligence officer in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1957 and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant; he later attended the University of Tennessee (UT) and graduated with honors in 1964 with a Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering; and

WHEREAS, after teaching at UT for one year, Pete Craven transitioned to Oak Ridge National Laboratory; he established the Oak Ridge office of SAIC in 1975 and grew the organization to more than 200 employees, before founding Integrated Computer Systems in 1987, which led to the creation of AllMeds, Inc., in 1997; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Craven was a member of Central Baptist Church since 1947; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Pete Craven is lovingly remembered by his daughters, Vicky Lynn Scruggs and Cheryl Ann Graham; his grandchildren, Seth Graham, Joshua Graham, Melissa Graham New, Jordan Graham, Alex Graham, Shannon Scruggs Collins, and Travis Scruggs; his seven great-grandchildren; and his siblings, Pat Boggess, Nancy Fears, David Craven, Judy Wrasman, and Ayana Craven; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Wanda Craven; his son, Michael Anthony Craven; and his siblings, Susan Keith Whatley, Jack Craven, Timothy Craven, and Chris Shultz; and

WHEREAS, Pete Craven 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Clyde Wesley "Pete" Craven, 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. Craven.

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