

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 668

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Fred G. Laine of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Mr. Fred Laine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Laine was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, the son of Howard and Katherine Gill Laine, Fred Laine was born in Lebanon and attended school there; he received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from college, Fred began a distinguished 20-year career in the United States Army, including service in Korea and Vietnam, and took part in intelligence assignments with the Army Security Agency and United States embassies throughout the world before retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, in 1972 Mr. Laine and his wife returned to Wilson County where he began his distinguished career in education, teaching Vocational Agriculture/Future Farmers of America at Lebanon High School; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by students and fellow teachers alike, he became a personal friend and motivator for over two thousand students who passed through his classes, and during his illustrious tenure the Lebanon FFA Chapter and its students received local, statewide and national recognition for their achievements; and

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WHEREAS, Fred Laine's primary interest was his students; he selflessly contributed countless hours of his time preparing students for various contests, attending conventions and camps, hosting annual banquets and numerous other school activities; and

WHEREAS, as a lasting tribute to the life of this inimitable man and the storied legacy he leaves behind, the Fred G. Laine Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established in his honor, to provide college assistance for students entering college from Vocational Agriculture/FFA programs in the Wilson County School System; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Laine grew up as an active and devout member of the Barton's Creek Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Dorothy Feirick Laine; and was the proud parent of two daughters, Kellie Evins and Melissa Simpson; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Fred G. Laine, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the Lebanon community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Laine.

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