

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 793
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of C. Eddie Collins of
Elizabethton, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of C. Eddie Collins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins 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, Mr. Collins served with acumen and alacrity in Management at the Inland
Container Corporation for over thirty years, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike
for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a native of Carter County, C. Eddie Collins graduated from Happy Valley
High School and attended Milligan College; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Collins served with the United States
Navy on the *U.S.S. Healy*, fighting to protect the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins enjoyed golfing, fishing, and hunting, and he was a member of
the Elizabethton Golf Course and the Erwin Elks Club; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, C. Eddie Collins always endeavored to remain
true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, C. Eddie Collins was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Bearyl McGhee
Collins; parents, Lossie R. Collins, Sr. and Ota Hyder Collins; and his brother, Lossie Collins,
Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins is survived by his son, Charles "Pete" Collins II and wife Mary;
daughters, Penny Constantine, Angel Burch, and Robin Vinson and husband Ken; his

grandchildren, Laura, David, Ashley, Candi, Tommy, Jeb, Nicholas, and Kacie; and great-grandchildren, Madison, Cody, and Tallen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins 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 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of C. Eddie Collins, 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. Collins.

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