

HOUSE RESOLUTION 146
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Wendell Kopp of
Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Wendell Kopp, a valuable member of the Lebanon Special School District (LSSD) Board of Education and a retired business manager; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Kopp was an exemplary public servant who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, renowned among his peers and colleagues as a "levelheaded, highly professional person," Mr. Kopp was a valuable member of the LSSD Board of Education for some fourteen years, serving twelve of those years consecutively in the late 1980's and early 1990's; and

WHEREAS, forced to quit the Board because of business obligations, Mr. Kopp returned to render astute service to the LSSD Board of Education once again after his retirement in 2002; at first filling a vacant term for two years, he was subsequently elected to a full term in November 2004; and

WHEREAS, a native of Connecticut, Mr. Kopp had lived in Lebanon for 42 years and had earned the respect and admiration of his friends and neighbors in that fair city; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Wagner College, Mr. Kopp began his professional career with Lux-Robertshaw in Lebanon; through his singular talent, resolve and industriousness, he quickly ascended through the ranks to serve as Plant Manager; and

WHEREAS, he later served in the same position at Robertshaw facilities in Carthage and Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, prior to retiring in 2002, Mr. Kopp served with acumen and alacrity as Vice President of Operations with Fulton Bellows and Components, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who realized that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Mr. Kopp was active in his community, having served with distinction as President of the Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce and the Lebanon Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, he expressed his faith as a member of First Presbyterian Church for more than 40 years, serving faithfully as an Elder; and

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

WHEREAS, this outstanding gentleman is survived by his loving wife of more than 40 years, Patricia Burke Kopp; two daughters and a son-in-law, Gretchen Kopp and Kirsten Kopp Cox and Jimi Cox; five grandchildren, Andrew, Adam, Anna Kathryn, Keaton Elizabeth, and Kennedy Rose; and a cousin and his spouse, Charles and Marcia Hensel; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Gustave and Margaret Hassell Kopp and a sister, Carol Polk; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Kopp 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, that we honor the memory of Wendell Kopp, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, as we pay tribute to his lifetime of selfless service to the Lebanon community, and especially his meritorious tenure with the Lebanon Special School District Board of Education.

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

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