

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 76
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor Lloyd Gale for his valiant military
service during World War II.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and Tennessee is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the "Volunteer State" has a long and proud heritage of providing soldiers when our country and its freedom have been threatened; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Gale, a heroic veteran of World War II, is one such exemplary citizen and soldier who has selflessly served our great nation; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Gale attended Hillsboro High School until he voluntarily enlisted for U.S. Naval Service at the age of 17 in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gale bravely served the Navy in the Pacific Theatre and particularly in the Philippine Islands, Guadalcanal, and Okinawa, Japan; and

WHEREAS, Navy Seaman First Class Gale served on the following ships: the LCT 828, which earned one star for major battles during World War II; the LCT 5 Flotilla; the LCT 1025, which earned four stars for major battles during World War II; the LST-10-75; and the LST-10-88; and

WHEREAS, serving valiantly in many brutal battles, Mr. Gale experienced many trying circumstances and difficult struggles while serving with his unit, including a typhoon, to afford us the gift of freedom that we can never repay; and

WHEREAS, after being honorably discharged in 1945, Lloyd Gale took the G.E.D. and earned the highest score ever recorded at the time in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gale received his A.A. degree in Business from Bowling Green Business College, which is now Western Kentucky University; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Gale has since served with acumen and alacrity as a salesman for Norwich Pharmaceuticals, Nifty Paper Company, and Century Steps Company positions in which he earned the respect of his peers, superiors, and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Gale has evinced his devout religious faith as a minister of the gospel for several churches of Christ, and he is currently the minister for Powell Grove Church of Christ in Lebanon, Tennessee, and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Lloyd Gale is most thankful for the love and support he shares with his wife of 55 years, Marion; Lloyd and Marion have been blessed with three children, Sherrie, Eddie, and Donald Gale; they are also the proud grandparents of Lauren and Keith Gale; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Gale performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and bravery; his military service can only be categorized as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Gale courageously served this nation with distinction in World War II as one of those Americans who earned the rightful designation of the "greatest generation"; and

WHEREAS, those who served and died during World War II have established an unparalleled legacy of courage, commitment, duty, selfless sacrifice, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to seize this golden opportunity to recognize one of the many honorable men and women who courageously protected and served America during World War II; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Lloyd Gale for his meritorious service in the United State Navy during World War II and wish him every happiness in the future.

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