

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 67

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Collier Family of Sevier County upon forty successful years in business.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should applaud those family businesses that, in their years of operation, have brought honor to their family names and changed their communities for the better; and

WHEREAS, the Collier Family of Sevier County is most assuredly one such clan that has developed a reputation for acumen and success in business over the past forty years; and

WHEREAS, by working tirelessly in the entertainment and hospitality sectors, the Colliers have helped to transform Pigeon Forge and the surrounding area into a thriving East Tennessee tourism hub; and

WHEREAS, the family history of business success began with Mindle and Edith Collier, who opened a twenty-two-room hotel forty years ago; and

WHEREAS, Pigeon Forge was once an even more seasonal destination than it is today, and the winters, when visitors rarely appeared, allowed the family to build the hotels and restaurants that have attracted droves of tourists to the area; and

WHEREAS, after years of so much growth, it became evident to the Colliers that a construction business of their own would permit more efficient expansion, as well as another stream of revenue for their thriving concern; and

WHEREAS, sadly, the Colliers lost patriarch Mindle Collier in 1996, but his loving wife Edith continues to make contributions to the family business; and

WHEREAS, fueled by a spirit of competition and some healthy internecine rivalry, and anchored by the Monday family lunches known as "board meetings," the Collier family today

honors the same values and ideals that motivated Mindle and Edith Collier to open their modest hotel years ago: loyalty to family, pride in one's work, and faith in a better future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the Collier Family of Sevier County for their forty years of success in business, thank them for their contributions to the prosperous tourism trade of East Tennessee, and extend to them our heartfelt wishes for continued success in the years to come.

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