

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 984

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of the late Alven Brogden, posthumous recipient of the Roane County Republican Party Lifetime Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the betterment of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Alven Brogden, a gentleman who attained excellence both as a public servant and a human being; and

WHEREAS, as a tribute to his lifetime of distinguished service, Mr. Brogden was posthumously awarded the Roane County Republican Party Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, an avid and essential supporter of the Republican Party in Roane County at both the local and state levels, Mr. Brogden earned the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens by combining an outstanding work ethic with a resolute determination to improve his community; and

WHEREAS, Alven Brogden was born in Rockwood, Tennessee, on October 4, 1931, to Rufe and Ada Brogden; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding student, Mr. Brogden graduated from Rockwood High School in 1949 as Valedictorian and furthered his education at the University of Tennessee, which he attended for a period of three years before obtaining his bachelor's degree from Upper Iowa University; and

WHEREAS, after working for a period of time as an employee of Rockwood Coca-Cola Bottling Co., he began his estimable career with the U.S. General Services Administration; and

WHEREAS, appointed to the Senior Executive Service by President Ronald Reagan, Mr. Brogden served with the utmost integrity and probity until his retirement as Assistant Administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration; and

WHEREAS, Alven Brogden nobly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army and retired from the Tennessee Army National Guard with the rank of colonel, having performed his duties with valor, professionalism, and dedication for thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Alven and his beloved wife, Margaret, returned to Rockwood and built their dream home on the shores of the beautiful Watts Bar Lake, whereupon he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Roane County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his efforts on behalf of the Roane County Republican Party, for which he stood as Chairman for two terms and hosted many successful fundraising events, including two Lincoln Day Dinners, Mr. Brogden also found time to be an active civic leader, serving as the Chairman of Families First and as a member of the Rockwood Civitan Club, Knights of Pythian, United Way, and the Optimist Club; and

WHEREAS, he was also a board member of Rockwood Electric Utility, a member of Rockwood Housing Development and the Roane County Chamber of Commerce, and the highly regarded Commander of Rockwood American Legion and Honor Guard; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Alven Brogden was an active member of Asbury Chapel United Methodist Church, an Oak District Lay Leader, and a member of the Holston Conference Methodist Ministers Retirement Board; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife and their four children: Buddy, Rhonda, Connie, and Carmen; his five grandchildren; his three great-grandchildren; and his sister, Mary Jane Thomas; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to commemorate Mr. Brogden's bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; 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 on the occasion of his posthumous receipt of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Roane County Republican Party, we remember and honor the late Alven Brogden

of Rockwood, reflecting fondly upon his outstanding civic leadership, his impeccable character, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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