

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 562

By Ragan

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Wolfred Carlock Stooksbury.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Wolfred Carlock Stooksbury; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stooksbury 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, Carlock Stooksbury was born on February 7, 1923, at his family's farm in Union County, now known as Point 19 of Norris Lake; and

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Norris High School and Knoxville Business College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stooksbury served with valor and distinction as a member of the United States military during World War II, serving with the 172<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Carlock and two of his cousins, John Rice and David Irwin, built the Little Senator Drive-In Restaurant outside of Norris, which Carlock and his wife, Juanita, owned and operated for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stooksbury was an original member of the Museum of Appalachia Band, in which he played the mouth-bow, Jew's harp, harmonica, and spoons; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Carlock was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his wife of sixty years, Juanita Jones Stooksbury; his parents, Eli and Mary Jane Mitchell Stooksbury; sisters, Estelle Hill, Alverta Stooksbury, Grace Rutherford, and Jimmie Stooksbury; and two grandsons, Jason Bright and Randy Brown; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stooksbury is survived by his daughters and their spouses, Beverly and Roger Leitner, Joan and Geron Brown, and Lisa and Mansour Tavangaran; a sister, Mildred Hill; and his grandchildren and their spouses, Geron III and Cynthia Brown, Christy and Ric Morris, Laura and Craig Sheilds, Amy and Adam Talley, Steven and Holly Leitner, Alyssa Tavangaran and her fiancé, Kevin Cei, Adam Tavangaran, Nick Tavangaran, and Alex Tavangaran; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by the exchange student from New Zealand he hosted through the AFS-USA program, Christine Fairclough, whom Carlock considered a granddaughter; and his great-grandchildren, Renee Morris, Francis, Sam, and Nathaniel Magone, Dianna and Jonathan Brown, Anna Kate and Sophia Sheilds, and Evan, Eva, and Weston Talley; and

WHEREAS, Carlock Stooksbury 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Wolfred Carlock Stooksbury, 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. Stooksbury.

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