

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 88

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John H. Hicks.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of John H. Hicks of Greensburg, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, born in Napoleon, Indiana, Mr. Hicks graduated from Napoleon High School in 1940 and began a long and successful career in public utilities, first with Hoosier Public Utilities, then Indiana Gas and Water, Inc. and Aurora Utilities, Indiana Cities Water Corp., and finally Springs Valley Regional Water District, from which he retired in 1988 as manager; and

WHEREAS, a faithful public servant, John Hicks served three-and-a-half years in the Armed Forces during World War II, ultimately earning him the Asiatic Pacific medal with three bronze stars, the Philippine Liberation medal with one bronze star, and American Theatre World War II Victory and Army Good Conduct decorations; and

WHEREAS, continuing in that tradition of public service, Mr. Hicks contributed his time and energy to many community organizations, serving as a lifetime member of the American Water Works Association; the vice president and president of the South East District of the Indiana section; a Master Mason of the High Twelve Lodge #82, Manilla, Phillipine Islands, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of Indianapolis; a Kentucky Colonel; the president, director, and twenty-five year member of the Rotary Club in Aurora, Indiana; and a member of the American Legion Post #129; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his profound impact on the community, he was the recipient of numerous awards, including the John N. Hurdy Service Award from the Indiana State Board of Health for twenty-five, thirty, and thirty-five years of service to the water works industry, a service award from Springs Valley Water District, the Gold Water Drop Award from

the American Water Works Association for fifty years of membership, and recognition from the Springs Valley Water Board for his many years of public service; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated family man, Mr. Hicks enjoyed forty-nine blissful years with his loving wife, Anna E. Linville, until her passing in 1998; and

WHEREAS, he was also preceded in death by his beloved parents, Roy M. and Anna Newman Hicks; his sisters, Gertrude Hicks, Belle King, Christine Smith, Ruth Martin, and Marjorie Reed; and his brother, Vern Hicks; and

WHEREAS, his memory will be forever cherished by his son, Daniel C. Hicks, and his wife, Frances; his daughter, Mary Ellen Barrett, and her husband, Sean; his two grandchildren, Jason and Ashleigh Hicks; his two step-grandchildren, Matthew Barrett and Meredith Williams and her husband, Justin; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, his son, daughter-in-law, grandson, and granddaughter are proud Tennesseans, and Mr. Hicks enjoying spending time in this great State for the past thirty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, John Hicks 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; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John H. Hicks, 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. Hicks.

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