

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 170

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A RESOLUTION to recognize James William Pope for his service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of public service have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, one such person is James William "Bill" Pope, who has served with distinction in numerous public service roles over the course of his storied career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pope, the son of James William Pope, Sr., and Hewell J. Given, is a graduate of Battle Ground Academy, and he graduated from Cumberland School of Law with a Bachelor's of Laws degree in 1962, having served as student bar president; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who has been a public servant in numerous ways, Mr. Pope's career is reflective of the alacrity and acumen with which he served in each illustrious position: and

WHEREAS, from 1962 to 1964, Mr. Pope served as counsel for the Tennessee Valley Authority; from 1965 to 1969; he was mayor of Pikeville, and from 1966 through 1968; he served in the House of Representatives of the 85<sup>th</sup> Tennessee General Assembly representing the 12<sup>th</sup> Floterial District of the State, during which time he was active and successful in establishing sound conservation and land management public policy; and

WHEREAS, from 1969 until 1992, Mr. Pope served as the District Attorney in either the 12<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, and he was active and involved with his statewide counterparts through the District Attorneys General Conference during those years; and

WHEREAS, in his community, Mr. Pope has served as chairman of First National Bank in Pikeville since 1966, he is chairman of Bledsoe County General Hospital; and he maintains a

private law practice, as well as an active practice of lobbying for a host of interests and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pope is committed to the highest ideals of community service, and has always endeavored to maintain the strongest of family values; and

WHEREAS, he has long cherished the love and companionship of his wife, Jacqueline Stewart Pope, and they are richly blessed by the love and affection of their children, Karen, Libby, James William III, and Benjamin, along with their seven beloved grandchildren, Brian, Ashley, Rachel, Corey, Shelby, Philip, and James William; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional and true Tennessean, Bill Pope has faithfully, meaningfully, and humbly served the public good of this great State and its fine citizens for many years, and continues even now advocating for laws and policies that will keep Tennessee the home that so many love and adore; 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 hereby recognize and applaud the public service and good will shown to this State and all Tennesseans by James William "Bill" Pope, thank him for that service, and encourage him to continue ever serving the Volunteer State with pride and humility.

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