

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 299

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Scott Clayton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Scott Clayton, who passed away June 15, 2010, in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton 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, Scott Clayton was born on January 20, 1928, to James Hollis and Mary Scott Clayton; he was the seventh of ten children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton graduated from East High School in Nashville and he earned his college degree from Vanderbilt University in a mere two and a half years; and

WHEREAS, Scott Clayton served with valor and distinction as a member of the United States Army from February 1946 to December 1948, serving as an Escort for deceased soldiers; and

WHEREAS, a consummate Life Insurance professional, Mr. Clayton celebrated his sixtieth anniversary with MassMutual/Connecticut Mutual in May 2010 and was one of five agents nationwide that was honored upon the company's 150th anniversary in Hawaii for Exceptional Leadership and Service; and

WHEREAS, Scott Clayton received the hallowed national Exceptional Level of Insurance in Force award in 1975; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Clayton served as one of the co-founders of the Estate Planning Council of Middle Tennessee in the early 1950s and was Past President and Board Member; he served as Past President of the Nashville Chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA); and he was President of the Nashville Chartered Life Underwriters Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Scott Clayton was previously named Man of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors; he was a qualifying member of the national Million Dollar Round Table for more than fifty years; and he was the recipient of the annual Todd Baker Exceptional Achievement Award in 1995 from the Nashville NAIFA Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton served on the Board of the Nashville Red Cross Chapter for nine years and was Past President; he served on the Board of The Nashville Rescue Mission for seven years, during which time he personally oversaw the interior work for Habitat for Humanity for five homes built in Nashville; he served Watkins College of Art, Design, & Film for more than forty years as a Trustee, as Chairman of the Board, and as Finance Committee Chair, and he helped keep the college open when it was struggling financially; and

WHEREAS, Scott Clayton was an active and devout member of First Presbyterian, where he served as Ruling Elder for more than twelve years, Church Treasurer for six years, Chairman of the Diaconate, Deacon for twelve years, Chairman of Local Missions, Sunday School Teacher, and as an Officer Prayer Partner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton, along with his wife, Dollye, served on the Advisory Board of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, for more than twenty-five years; and

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

WHEREAS, Scott Clayton was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Jane Clayton Pate; and his brothers, James Hollis Clayton, Jr., William Alexander Clayton, the Reverend Allie Anderson Clayton, and David Buchanan Clayton; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife of sixty years, Dollye F. Clayton; his daughter, Beth Scott Clayton; brothers, Don Dixon (Betty) Clayton, Harold Gordon (Barbara) Clayton, and Hugh Dale Clayton; and a host of nieces, nephews, great and great-great-nieces and nephews, and very special brother and sisters-in-law; and

WHEREAS, Scott Clayton 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Scott Clayton, 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. Clayton.

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