

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 740

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor Doyle Thomas Grant, a Vietnam veteran, upon his retirement.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to honor those many valiant men and women who continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, one such courageous individual is Doyle Thomas Grant, a veteran of the Vietnam War, who is taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Grant entered the United States Air Force on May 11, 1964; as a member of the Air Force, he participated in Joint Task Force training and missions and served his country in Thailand and Vietnam during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1967; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Grant received many commendations for his exemplary service, including the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and the Expert Rifle Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Grant was a member of the Air Force Reserves in Denver, Colorado, from April 2, 1969, until his honorable discharge on April 11, 1971; and

WHEREAS, following his military career, Doyle Grant worked at the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant during construction and as a steamfitter, welder/steamfitter, sketcher, and foreman; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Grant retired from Sequoyah Nuclear Plant in 1994 and drove a truck delivering medical supplies to California; from 1997 to 2004 he was the owner and operator of a school bus for Hamilton County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Grant presently co-owns a school bus with his wife, which he maintains and drives as a substitute and for school trips, from which he is taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grant was one of the four founders of the MVFD, a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason of the Valley of Chattanooga, Orient of Tennessee, and a member of the National Rifle Association and Soddy Lodge #418; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Grant and his beloved wife, Wanda, have two children, Melinda and Cilecia, and two grandsons, Garrett and Zackery; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Grant is a man of integrity and character who has served these United States with honor and distinction, and it is wholly fitting that this body recognize him on the occasion of his retirement; 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 and commend Doyle Thomas Grant upon his retirement, extending our gratitude for his selfless military service and our best wishes for his every future happiness and success.

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