

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 656

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor McGill-Karnes Funeral Home on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this legislative body recognize those businesses in Tennessee that have earned recognition for their sterling contributions to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the McGill-Karnes Funeral Home of Loudon County is one such business, and it will celebrate its 100th anniversary on October 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, McGill-Karnes Funeral Home has stood as a bastion of care and concern for the families of Loudon County since 1916, with owners and employees giving their time and energies toward creating an atmosphere of dignity and compassion for those in mourning; and

WHEREAS, in 1930, the funeral home was owned by Frank Quinn, an early pioneer of embalming in Tennessee, who also served as an officer of the State's funeral directors and embalmers board; and

WHEREAS, Cecil Karnes acquired the funeral home in 1948, and the name was changed to Quinn and Karnes Funeral Home. Mr. Karnes was instrumental in remodeling and adding rooms to the home, including a large chapel in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, ownership of the home was transferred to Terry McGill in 1984; in 1988, he merged the McGill-Hawkins Funeral Home with the new business, and it was renamed the McGill-Karnes Funeral Home; and

WHEREAS, McGill-Karnes Funeral Home has, for many years, maintained a homey, comfortable environment, providing caring hands and warm hearts to grieving families; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we join with the good people of Loudon County in applauding the McGill-Karnes Funeral Home for its many years of unwavering service to the community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and honor McGill-Karnes Funeral Home on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, extending our best wishes for continued success in the future.

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