

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 665

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to recognize Billy Povlin upon his receipt of the Humphreys County Good Scout Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Billy Povlin, who was recently honored with the Humphreys County Good Scout Award for outstanding leadership in his community; and

WHEREAS, the son of Tony and Ruby Povlin, Billy Povlin was born in Shelburn, Indiana in 1929; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Clinton High School in 1947, he joined the United States Navy and was assigned to the USS *Mindoro* as a mechanist mate; he served in the Korean War and received an honorable discharge from the military after four and one half years of service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Povlin earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Rose Polytechnological Institute in 1956 and, later that same year, was hired by the DuPont company in Wilmington, Delaware, as a mechanical engineer; he later transferred to the New Johnsonville location, where he held various supervisory positions for thirty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, Billy Povlin currently serves as a member of the American Legion, Waverly County Club, and the Past District Governor Club; he has served as a member of United Way of Humphreys and Benton Counties, board member of the Humphreys County Museum, board member of Friends of Johnsonville State Park, and director of the Humphreys County Fair Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Povlin is a past member and president of the Humphreys County Chamber of Commerce; as a result of his efforts, the Chamber of Commerce building, The McAdoo House, and the Humphreys County Museum were placed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, he has been an active member of the Lion's Club for fifty-six years; he has served as president, delegate, and sponsor. Through the Lion's Club, he has served as a board member and vice president of the Ed Lindsey for the Blind Industries; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Povlin is the recipient of the Humphreys County Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Member Award, the Lions Club 100 Percent Award, and Lion of the Decade Award and an inductee into the Tennessee Lions Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Povlin is deeply devoted to his faith and is a member of First United Methodist Church in Waverly, which he has served on several committees and as a Sunday School teacher and member of Methodist Men; and

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

WHEREAS, Billy Povlin is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife of sixty-one years, Maggie, and the couple's two children, Leeza and Jay; and

WHEREAS, through his estimable service to Humphreys County, Billy Povlin epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Billy Povlin for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Billy Povlin upon receiving the Humphreys County Good Scout Award, thank him for his meritorious service to Humphreys County and this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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