

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 702

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Roy Crawford, Sr., of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Roy Crawford, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Roy Crawford, Sr., 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, Mr. Crawford served with acumen and alacrity as Maryville city attorney from 1966 until his retirement in 1999, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in addition, he was in private law practice with the firm of Crawford, Crawford & Newton, until 1993, and represented Blount, Sevier, Jefferson, and Cocke counties in the Tennessee Senate from 1961 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, born on May 22, 1921, to Maud and John Crawford, Roy Crawford graduated from Maryville College in 1942 and later served on the school's board of directors; and

WHEREAS, he joined the United States Army in 1943 and served in England, Northern Ireland, France, Luxembourg, and Belgium during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his discharge in 1945, he returned to Tennessee and earned his law degree at the University of Tennessee College of Law and began to practice law in 1948 with his father and brother; and

WHEREAS, he once again answered the call of duty when his Army National Guard unit was mobilized in 1951. He served as a captain in the 37th Field Artillery Battalion during the

Korean War, most notably during the month long Battle of Heartbreak Ridge, and he received the Bronze Star for his service; and

WHEREAS, committed to serving his community, Mr. Crawford was a member of the Rotary Club of Maryville-Alcoa, the Sons of the Revolution, and the New Providence Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of New Providence Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as an elder; and

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

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of seventy years, Dorothy, and he was the proud parent of Mary Crawford and the late Roy Crawford, Jr., and the loving grandparent of Alexander Robertson, Elizabeth Robertson, and Matt Jamison; and

WHEREAS, Roy Crawford, Sr., 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 the members of 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Roy Crawford, Sr., 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. Crawford.

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