

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 210

By Marsh

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Lee "Bob" Garner of Shelbyville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Lee "Bob" Garner; and

WHEREAS, Bob Garner 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, born on July 16, 1931, to Lillie Iris Lee Garner and William Chester Garner, Bob Garner received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Tennessee in 1957 and a Certified Public Accountant Certificate in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Robert Garner served honorably in the United States Air Force and was a founding partner of Winnett Associates; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his community, Mr. Garner chaired the development committee of the H.V. Griffin Park Complex and served on the board of directors of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration for eighteen years, with three terms as chairman of the board. He was a member of the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a past board member of Shelbyville and Bedford County Chamber of Commerce, and a past president and member of Rotary International; and

WHEREAS, a champion of numerous civic and charitable causes, Mr. Garner was recognized by Rotary International as a Paul Harris Fellow; he was inducted into The Celebration Hall of Fame in 2002, and the Calsonic Arena named the Bob Garner Room in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garner was an active and devout member of First Presbyterian Church in Shelbyville, which he served faithfully for more than fifty years in a number of leadership roles; and

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

WHEREAS, Bob Garner is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Helen Brown Garner; his brother, Bill (Kathy) Garner; and his nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Greg Garner; and his sister, Sassy Garner Blackwell; and

WHEREAS, Bob Garner 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert Lee "Bob" Garner, 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. Garner.

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