

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 361

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the eightieth anniversary of
Memphis Light, Gas and Water.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize a governmental utility that has provided safe and reliable electricity, gas, and water to the public for eighty years; and

WHEREAS, Memphis Light, Gas and Water's (MLGW's) parent company was founded in 1852, but it was not until February 6, 1939, that the City of Memphis purchased Memphis Power and Light for \$17.36 million, with the Tennessee Valley Authority contributing \$2.11 million; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 1939, the Governor of Tennessee signed into law legislation creating the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division and the Board of Memphis Light, Gas and Water Commissioners to guide and regulate the utility; and

WHEREAS, today, MLGW is the largest three-service public utility in the nation, serving more than 420,000 customers in Memphis and Shelby County, and the original slogan "Public Service—Publicly Owned" still resonates perfectly in describing its mission; and

WHEREAS, during the past eighty years, MLGW has grown, expanded, and improved with the times, and the Board of Commissioners and administration have worked together to ensure that the utility remains upon its rock-solid foundation of providing safe, reliable power at the lowest possible cost; and

WHEREAS, MLGW is the premier three-service public utility in the U.S. and is richly deserving of our approbation on this special occasion; 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 and congratulate the Board of Commissioners, administration, and dedicated professionals of Memphis Light, Gas and Water on the celebration of MLGW's eightieth anniversary and extend to these fine citizens our best wishes for much continued success in providing electricity, gas, and water to the good people of Memphis and Shelby County.

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