

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 585

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Westley "Mutt" Pritchett of Brush Creek.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Westley "Mutt" Pritchett; and

WHEREAS, Mutt Pritchett 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 October 25, 1935, Mr. Pritchett was the son of Thomas Elmer Pritchett and Janie Nellene Thomas Pritchett; he attended Brush Creek School and graduated from Gordonsville High School in 1954; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation, Mutt Pritchett honorably served his country for twenty years as a member of the United States Navy until his retirement; during his years of service, he was stationed in San Diego, California, and Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, he then served with acumen and alacrity for ten years as an employee at the Smith Farmers Co-Op, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, ever committed to giving back to his community, Mutt Pritchett was a member of the Brush Creek Lions Club and was awarded the club's Lions Heart Award; he selflessly gave his time and energy to restore the Brush Creek School building as a community center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pritchett was a faithful member of Brush Creek Missionary Baptist Church, which he served for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Mutt Pritchett enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-eight years, Carolyn Sue Bennett Pritchett, until her passing in 2015; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud father of Beverly Bennett, Rose Lea, and Tammy Garcia-Romo; grandfather of Kelli Hall, Jeff Bennett, Brandon Lea, Brittany Lea, Ashley Pichette, Lucas Hall, Andy Garcia-Romo, and Julianna Sue Garcia-Romo; and great-grandfather of Jenny, Abby, Ali, Elle, Ivy, Oslyn, Eli, Raelyn, Kallie Ann, and Lennox Gage; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pritchett is lovingly remembered by his brothers, Glenn Pritchett and Dennis Pritchett; his sisters, Sarah Smith, Debbie Bush, and Tammy Ward; and a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by his stepmother, Roberta Pritchett; his sister, Linda Pritchett; his sister-in-law, Ruth Pritchett; and his brother-in-law, Jerry Smith; and

WHEREAS, Mutt Pritchett 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 James Westley "Mutt" Pritchett, 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. Pritchett.

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