

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 590

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bob Taylor Oakley of
Brush Creek.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Bob Taylor Oakley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oakley 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 December 8, 1923, Bob Oakley was the son of Arthur Oakley and
Lassie Parker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oakley was a lifelong farmer and avid vegetable gardener; he raised his
first corn crop when he was only nine years old; and

WHEREAS, wholly devoted to serving his community, Bob Oakley was a member of the
Southside Lions Club for forty-five years; his many important contributions to the club include
handing out water for Chad's Run, fundraising during White Cane Day, and assisting during the
club-sponsored vision tests of elementary school students; and

WHEREAS, he was also a staple of the Southside Lions Club during Gordonsville High
School football season, at which time he delighted in greeting the crowd and selling programs,
making many friends along the way; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oakley was an active and devout member of Union Hill Cumberland
Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon and elder; and

WHEREAS, Bob Oakley 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 forty-eight years, Virginia
Paris Oakley, who preceded him in death; Mr. Oakley was also preceded in death by his

parents; his sons, Bobby Gerald Oakley and Terry Campbell Oakley; his daughters, Cynthia Oakley Vantrease and Bobbi Jo Oakley Ezell; his grandson, Jody Paris Vantrease; and his siblings, Alf, Frankie, George, Howard, Francis, Thomas, and Clyde Oakley; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Nancy (Fred) Smith; granddaughters, Terri Lynn Oakley and Kam (Wayne) Phillips; grandsons, Jeremie (Deanne) Smith, Brandon Johnson, Bob (Felicia) Vantrease, and Jarid (Karen) Smith; great-grandchildren, Josh Johnson, John Taylor Johnson, Kelsey Vantrease, Paige Vantrease, Madeline Smith, Zachary Smith, Jacob Smith, Sarah Smith, John Oakley Phillips, Jason Phillips, Sam Miano, and Tyler Miano; step-great-granddaughters, Ashleigh Phillips and Morgan Phillips; great-great-grandson, Bo Dylan Vantrease; and sister-in-law, Betty Jo Hackett Manning; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oakley 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 Bob Taylor Oakley, 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. Oakley.

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