

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 733

By Staples

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Reverend Dr. Harold A. Middlebrook, Sr.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Reverend Dr. Harold A. Middlebrook, Sr., who recently served as the keynote speaker at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service at Overcoming Believers Church in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Middlebrook received his bachelor's degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1963; he was ordained as a minister in 1966 and attended LeMoyne-Owen College and Memphis Theological Seminary in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Civil Rights Movement, Reverend Dr. Middlebrook first became involved while he was a student at Morehouse College, where he met Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was the president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at that time; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Middlebrook later served as the youth minister at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where Dr. King and his father both held pastorates; he was also a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and participated in a number of sit-ins; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Reverend Dr. Harold Middlebrook for his work in the Civil Rights Movement; 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 commend Reverend Dr. Harold A. Middlebrook, Sr., and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.