

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 931

By Freeman

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the members of the Donelson High School Class of 1970 on the occasion of their fiftieth class reunion.

WHEREAS, high school reunions are an important part of the fabric of our society, providing an excellent opportunity to fondly remember the past, renew old acquaintances, and embrace and look forward to the future; and

WHEREAS, it is the great pleasure of this General Assembly to honor and congratulate those graduates of Tennessee public schools, both past and present, who have brought great honor and acclaim to the State of Tennessee through their professional successes and magnificent exploits; and

WHEREAS, Donelson High School's Class of 1970 is one such worthy group of individuals, who will join together on July 11, 2020, at Hermitage Golf Club to celebrate their fiftieth class reunion; and

WHEREAS, reunion participants have been invited to savor and enjoy a truly heartwarming evening that will feature special presentations and citations, good music, and joyous moments with their fellow classmates and former educators; and

WHEREAS, for the members of the Donelson High School Class of 1970, graduation exercises commenced on the evening of June 9, 1970, on the Donelson High School football field, with an invocation by Mr. Harry Ozment; and

WHEREAS, after the senior class president, Eddie Eakes, delivered the welcoming address, the medalists followed suit with orations on the theme of the class motto, "Tomorrow is the first day of the rest of our lives."; and

WHEREAS, the class valedictorian, Debbie Alexander, delivered the farewell address for the seniors; and

WHEREAS, music for the ceremony was performed by the senior chorus, singing "Kyrie" from a Haydn mass, while the processional and recessional marches were played by members of the Donelson High School band; and

WHEREAS, the honorable task of presenting the diplomas fell to Mr. Coots, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Harmon DePriest, and upon the conclusion of this venerable tradition, Reverend Jeff Fryer closed the ceremony with a benediction; and

WHEREAS, this wonderful fiftieth class reunion celebration has been overseen by an exemplary reunion committee that includes Kenny Cook, Barbara Tidwell Nanni, Sandra Civils Clariday, Kaye Massey Clark, Donna Akin Morgan, and Eddie Eakes; and

WHEREAS, the estimable members of the Donelson High School Class of 1970 are as follows: Claudette Acuff (Austin), Rita Adams (Lowe), Sue Adams (Griffin), Donna Adwell, Judy Agee (James), Donna Akin (Morgan), Debbie Alexander, Carolyn Anderson (Walker), Debra Arnott, Susan Ashwood (Shouse), Michael Atwood, Patricia Barber (Anderson), Barry Barnes, Terry Beech, William Bevans, Tom "Tommy" Billington, Gary Randall Blanton, Gary Boles, Michael Bratcher, Patricia Brent (Lister), Cheryl Brewington (Evans), William Brewington, Iris Brown, Robert Brown, Sylvia Buckliew (Turner), Martin Burns, Jr., Charlotte Caldwell (Thompson), Jamie Carney (Pickens), Brenda Castleman, Virginia Chitwood, Sandra Civils (Clariday), Stephen Clariday, Jane Claxton, Kay Claxton (McDonald), Deborah Clements (Brooks), Vickie Clopton (Hampton), Kenneth Cook, Robert Dennis Crowley, Hugh Daniel, Charles "Chuck" Davis, Randy Davis, Dan DeGroat, Rhonda Dillahay (Sadler), Nancy Donovan, Pat Drummond, Michael Dunkerson, Eddie Eakes, Susan Edwards (Cassidy), Barbara Elliott (Butner), Brenda Evans, Harold Everett, Larry Faircloth, Gary Farmer, Lois Finney, Vera Louise Finney, Phillip Craig Flanagan, Penny Sue Ford, John Fudge, James Denniss Garrett, Anna Marlene Goad (Lane), Donna Green (Pence), Jerry Greer, Barbara Hagar (Putty), Jane Hall (Greene), Doncie Ann Hamilton, Betty Harding (Ray), Alan Hardy, Cathy Hardy (Lee), Michael

Hawkins, Becky Hayes (Qualls), Vicki Hayes (Henley), William Daniel Henry, Michael Higgs, and William Timothy Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Donelson High School Class of 1970 also includes Regina Hodges (Sittloh), Ronald Holland, Tommy Hollingsworth, Daniel Kenneth Howell, Betty Jo Hunt (Dunkerson), Sherry Hurt (Faircloth), Julia Jackson (Boklage), Michael Jackson, Sharon Jackson (Daly), Joe James, Billy Gray Johnson, Richard Johnson, Jeff Johnstone, Craig Jones, Deborah Jones (Campbell), Joe Timothy Jones, Patti Jones (Zeller), Valarie Keith (Miller), John Kellams, Arch Kelley, Nancy Kelton, Elaine Kemp (Campbell), Alan King, Carolyn Kirby (Meeks), Raymond Lane, Barbara Lassiter (Ford), Patsy Lawrence (Phillips), Sandra Ledbetter (Black), Frederick Earl Lee, John Luhrs, George Lyon, Norma Jean Martin, Kaye Massey (Clark), Richard Massey, Lee Maxwell, Brenda McCauley (Watkins), Deborah McClendon (Thompson), Cynthia Moody (Loring), Barry Moore, Janice Moore (Kirkpatrick), Ronald Motley, Charlie Newby, Norma Dean Newby (Redmon), Michael Newman, Jacque Noble (Nave), Robert Northern, Donna Odom (Burnett), Ollie Odom, Wanda Odum (Holt), John David Overstreet, Dolores Page (Cassetty), Steve Pate, Angela Patti, Philip Poag, Mark Ponder, Dwight Price, David Pugh, William Pulley, Rebecca Ragland, Floyd Ramsey, Suzanne Ramsey, Deborah Reed, Clay Ringler, John Robinson, Carol Rogers (Russell), Emil Rogers, Edward Roney, and Kaye Rose (Scott); and

WHEREAS, further members of this outstanding class of Donelson High School graduates are Virginia Schott (Benson), Jim Scott, Steve Shroder, Patrick Slate, Charles Smith, William Spangler, Ruby Carol Speck, James Stafford, Ronnie Stewart, Susan Stockell, Barbara Storie (Hardin), Randy Sullivan, Suzanne Sullivan (Brown), Judy Swint, Carroll Thorne, Barbara Tidwell (Nanni), Benjamin David Townsend, Stephen Treadway, Tim Treadway, Michael Tribue, Cathy Turner, Mike Urrutia, Roy Valentine, Rene Vanatta (Edens), Roslyn Vanstone (McGee), Larry Vantrease, Bruce Vernon, Ramona Walden (Flaherty), Donna Wallace (Berg), Frank A. Waters, Jr., Robert Watson, Gary Weaver, Gary Wells, Joe Wheeler, William White, Nancy Whittemore (May), William Whitworth, Steve Williams, Larry Wilson, David Yates, and Susan Young; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the graduates listed above, it is most appropriate to pause and remember those graduates of the Donelson High School Class of 1970 who have gone on to their great reward: Glen Anderson, Timothy "Tim" Austin, James David Bean, Terry Beech, Gayle Cato, Gary Evan Cheatham, Ricky Coker, Beth Davis, Larry Dillingham, Glen Faircloth, Philip Farris, Cynthia Garrard, Mark Gill, James "Jimmy" Hatcher, Donna Hess Miller, Lorenzo Hockett, Donnie Ingram, Michael Loftin, Gary Nelson, David Parsons, Jerry Pate, Marcia Ann Pugh, Joseph "Joe" Roberts, Michael "Mike" Ruby, Donna Ann Simpkins, Eddie Smith, Richard Walling, Jim Walton, Charles Alan Wharton, and Jerry Wright; and

WHEREAS, on the momentous occasion of Donelson High School's fiftieth class reunion, we find it appropriate to specially recognize this outstanding group of people; 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 hereby recognize and honor the members of the Donelson High School Class of 1970 on the occasion of their fiftieth class reunion and join with them in celebrating this wonderful time together to reminisce of school days past, relate triumphs and adventures occurring throughout the years, and share current news while enjoying the warmth and fellowship of old friends. We extend to these laudable citizens our best wishes for an enjoyable reunion overflowing with memories and good times.

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.