

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 972

By Boyd

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Harold Gordon Bone, Sr., of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Harold Gordon Bone, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Bone 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 in Wilson County, on November 27, 1941, Gordon Bone was the youngest son of Sam Stratton Bone, Sr., and Margaret Frances Talley Bone; he graduated from Lebanon High School in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bone was a graduate of Cumberland University, the University of Tennessee, and the University of Virginia's Consumer Banking School; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong farmer and banker, Mr. Bone was the vice president of a large Tennessee bank for many years, and he later served as the director of First Bank & Trust in Mt. Juliet until its merger with a large regional bank in 1999; and

WHEREAS, a second-generation Rotarian, Gordon Bone joined the Lebanon Rotary Club in 1977, following in the footsteps of his father and older brothers; his father joined Lebanon Rotary in 1926 and served as club president in 1935; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bone helped organize and served as a charter member of the Lebanon Breakfast Rotary Club in 1989; a Paul Harris Fellow, he served several terms as a board member and was honored as Rotarian of the Year in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bone never missed a Rotary Club meeting for thirty years, and he recruited more members than any other Rotarian; he led the drive to build a permanent Rotary

concessions building at the Wilson County Fairgrounds, and in 2013, he introduced a new fundraising project, the now annual community Fish Fry, which has raised over \$200,000 for Lebanon charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, a humble and generous man, Mr. Bone believed in the Rotary motto "Service Above Self"; he never accepted the role of club president, preferring instead to work as a regular member without any type of special recognition; throughout his years with the Rotary, he regularly donated building materials and labor for many club projects; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Bone brought the third generation of his family into Rotary with his children, Hal and Suanne; Suanne currently serves as the president of the Lebanon Breakfast Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bone also served on several boards throughout the years, including Mid-America Bancshares, the subsidiary board at Bank of the South, and Pinnacle Bank; he served on the Board of Directors of Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation (MTEMC) for thirty-five years, having served as chairman from 1992 to 2015; during his long association with MTEMC, he led the co-op through some of its fastest growing periods and earned the respect of his colleagues and community for his dedication and hard work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bone was the vice president of Community Progress Committee, Inc., the director of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America-Tennessee Chapter, and a partner in Horizon Concrete Co., Horizon Construction and Development Co., and Total Health Care Systems; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the Lebanon First Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as an elder; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Bone will be lovingly remembered by his wife of forty-seven years, Patricia Bond Bone; his children, Margaret Suanne Bone and Harold Gordon "Hal" Bone; his grandchildren, Seth, Jackson, Savannah, Kate, and Owen; his brothers, Dr. Robert Carver Bone and Sam Stratton Bone, Jr.; his nephews, Doug Bone and Rob Bone; and his niece, Bonnie Ramage; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bone 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 Harold Gordon Bone, Sr., 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. Bone.

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.