

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1003

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory and service of George W. Roark of Oneida.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of George W. Roark; and

WHEREAS, born on February 22, 1924, Mr. Roark 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, George Roark was a member of the United States Navy during World War II; he was involved with the invasion of southern France and served on the SS *Pan Maryland*, SS *Caribbean*, SS *Sachem*, SS *Edwin M. Stanton*, SS *Black Hawk*, and the SS *Hagerstown Victory*. He was honorably discharged on January 13, 1946, as a Gunner's Mate 2/C; and

WHEREAS, for more than sixty years, Mr. Roark served with acumen and alacrity as the owner and operator of Roark's Amoco Service Station, earning the respect of his employees, customers, and community for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, George Roark was a member of the Lion's Club of Oneida, the American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars; Roark's Amoco Service Station was a member of the Scott County Chamber of Commerce since 1956, and in 2004, Mr. Roark was inducted into the Boys and Girls Club Hall of Fame for his numerous contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, baptized into the fellowship of Bethlehem Baptist Church by the late Reverend Roy Blevins, Mr. Roark was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Oneida, which he served faithfully for many years as a member of the Median Men's Sunday School Class; and

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

WHEREAS, he is survived by his children, Terry (Mary Ann) Roark, Lisa Roark (Ronnie) Baggett, Beverly Roark (Trebbly) Hicks, and Susan Roark (Anthony) Overton; five grandchildren, Matt (Paige) Roark, Mark (Whitney) Roark, Lindsey Paige Baggett, Lauren (Caleb) Baggett Walker, and Rachel Delores Baggett; a sister-in-law, Alma Mynatt; a brother-in-law, Uriel Edde; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of forty years, Delores Terry Roark; his mother, Stella Phillips Roark; his siblings, Ann Roark Chambers, Paul Roark, Rex Roark, L.V. Roark, and James (Doe) Roark; his niece, Leisha Rae Terry; his nephew, Dennis Mynatt; his mother- and father-in-law, Viva Terry and Maynard Terry; a sister-in-law, Lovenia Terry Edde; and a brother-in-law, Eugene Mynatt; and

WHEREAS, George Roark 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 and service of George W. Roark, 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. Roark.

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.