

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 107

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Richard McKinley Davis, Jr., of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Richard McKinley Davis, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Richard McKinley Davis, Jr., 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 Coalfield, Richard McKinley Davis, Jr., was raised in Oliver Springs and resided there his entire life; he graduated from Oliver Springs High School at the age of sixteen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee and earned his master's degree at the University of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, a career educator, he began his tenure as a teacher at the age of eighteen in Oliver Springs and later served as its school principal for thirty-six years, earning the respect of his students and the faculty for his stalwart commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, proud of the scenic beauty of Tennessee and the wonder of nature, Richard McKinley Davis, Jr., spent his whole life as a conservationist and caretaker of the environment; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis enjoyed the love and support of his sisters, Frances (Cliff) Lowe and Patricia (Chip) Moss; his niece, Lisa (Jack) Rogers; and his nephews, Shannon Noe and Trevor Noe; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Lillie and Richard McKinley Davis, Sr., and his sister, Margaret June; and

WHEREAS, Richard McKinley Davis, Jr., 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Richard McKinley Davis, Jr., 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. Davis.

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