

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 162

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Harlin "Jim" Hayes of Burwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Harlin "Jim" Hayes; and

WHEREAS, Jim Hayes 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, Mr. Hayes's lifelong career in radio started at a young age, when he organized the Franklin High Radio Club in 1956 at Franklin High School, from which he graduated in 1958; he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in chemistry from David Lipscomb College; and

WHEREAS, Jim Hayes got his official start in radio at the age of fifteen, working at WAGG-AM; after college, he worked for Bob Sewell at WFLT-FM, Franklin's first FM station. In 1967, Mr. Hayes persuaded Mr. Sewell to convert WFLT into an AM station, co-founding WIZO radio, where he worked for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Mr. Hayes joined the staff of WAKM AM 950, where he served in multiple roles, from engineer to voicing commercials for the station; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his community, he served as president of the Williamson County Franklin Chamber of Commerce and was the 2010 recipient of the Legends Award; a longtime member of the Franklin Noon Rotary Club, he served as president and was a Paul Harris Fellow; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-five years, Judith G. "Judy" Hayes; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his sister, Mary Etta Neiland; his brother-in-law, Jack L. Grigsby; his nephews and nieces, Dr. John Neiland, Bill Neiland, Mary Jacque Thompson, and Susan Florence; his great-nephews and great-nieces, Hayes Neiland, Claire Neiland, Clay Neiland, Callie Neiland, and Lauren Able; his great-great-niece, Hudson Rose Able; his cousin, Jon Duncan; his WAKM family; and a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Jim Hayes was preceded in death by his parents, Vanus Harlin and Maurie Welch Hayes; his nephew, Hayes Neiland; his brother-in-law, Victor Neiland; and his parents-in-law, Leonard and Annie Louise Barker Grigsby; and

WHEREAS, Jim Hayes 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 James Harlin "Jim" Hayes, 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. Hayes.

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