

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 339

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ennis Jefferson "E.J." Hurdle, Jr., of Collierville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ennis Jefferson "E.J." Hurdle, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurdle 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 Slayden, Mississippi, on September 25, 1933, E.J. Hurdle was the son of Jefferson Hurdle, Sr., and Johnnie Kate Williamson Hurdle; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Fayette County at an early age, he graduated from Fayette County High School and attended Mississippi State University; and

WHEREAS, with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism, Mr. Hurdle honorably served his country in the United States Navy as a ship machinist. In 1969, he used his gift of machinery design to open Hurdle Machine Works, Inc., in Moscow, where he served as founder, president, and head of engineering for more than forty-five years; and

WHEREAS, E.J. Hurdle was an active and devout member of the Collierville United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurdle enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifteen years, Elizabeth Jemison Saunders Hurdle; he will be lovingly remembered by his sons, Jefferson Logan (April) Hurdle and John Harvey (Laine) Hurdle; his stepdaughter, Sissy Dowdle; his stepsons, Frank Saunders and Barry (Karen) Saunders; his eleven grandchildren; and his eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, E.J. Hurdle 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 Ennis Jefferson "E.J." Hurdle, 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. Hurdle.

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