

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 866

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Marion Edward "Ed" Crabtree of Harriman.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Marion Edward "Ed" Crabtree; and

WHEREAS, Ed Crabtree 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. Crabtree bravely served his country in the United States Army from 1950 to 1952 during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, an educator for forty-five years, he began his career in Morgan County, where he taught at Dearmount and White Oak. He later moved to the Harriman City School System and finished his career at Bowers Elementary School, where he served with acumen and alacrity as the principal for twenty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, Mr. Crabtree was a founding member of Grace Baptist Church in Harriman; 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, Ed Crabtree was the proud father of Charles Crabtree and Jama Basler; the loving grandfather of Nathan Basler, Derek Basler, Chad Crabtree, Zach Sellers, Beau Sellers, Jacob Crabtree, Jessica Crabtree, and Josh Crabtree; and the caring great-grandfather of Brooks Basler; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his siblings, Maxine Perry, Fox Crabtree, and George Crabtree; and a host of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of many years, Louise Crabtree; his parents, Dillard and Dora Crabtree; his sister, Gertie Thurman; and his brother, Everett Crabtree; and

WHEREAS, Ed Crabtree 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 Marion Edward "Ed" Crabtree, 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. Crabtree.

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.