

SENATE RESOLUTION 153

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dean Arthur Ford of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dean Arthur Ford; and

WHEREAS, Dean Ford 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, a member of this nation's Greatest Generation, Mr. Ford served in the United States Army during World War II in the South Pacific; after his distinguished military career, he worked for Y-12 in Oak Ridge for forty-two years, where he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the exceptional quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his Lord, Mr. Ford was a devout member of Beech Park Baptist Church, which he served faithfully; he had been a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Oliver Springs, serving as a deacon and a Sunday School teacher for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Ford will be sorely missed but lovingly remembered by his children, Linda (Wally) Chadwick, Nancy (Ken) Cook, and Ernie (Gina) Ford; his grandchildren, Jennifer Grafton, Shawna Chadwick, Ryan (Leah) Cook, Trish (Justin) Little, Erin (Tom) Milligan, Haylee (Brian) Flynn, Adam Ford, and Evan Ford; and his great-grandchildren, Chad, Emma, Reese, Kason, Declan, Thomas, Riley, Harper, Emily, and Olivia; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of fifty-five years, Pauline Jones Ford; his brothers, Earl Ford and Grady Ford; and his sisters, Mozell Duncan, Willene Russell, and Peggy Langley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ford 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 legislative body 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, that we honor the memory of Dean Arthur Ford, 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. Ford.

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