

SENATE RESOLUTION 173

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to recognize Fred Earnest Pierce for being a member of Emory Golf Club for seventy-one years.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Fred Earnest Pierce, who has been a member of Emory Golf Club since 1949; and

WHEREAS, the son of Carl and Ruby Clark Pierce, Fred Pierce was born in Wallins Creek, Kentucky, on November 28, 1925, and he and his family moved to Harriman in 1930; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce attended Harriman City Schools and joined the United States Navy during his senior year of high school in 1942, serving his country during World War II on the USS *North Carolina* as a Seaman First Class; and

WHEREAS, Fred Pierce was discharged from the Navy in 1945 and married his sweetheart, Lela Nora Jones; the couple made their home in Harriman and raised four children, Ineta, Patsy, Buster, and James; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce was an employee of Burlington Hosiery Mill for twenty-four years and an insurance agent for Life of Georgia for fifteen years; in 1963, he and his wife purchased a restaurant on Roane Street, which they named Pierce's Restaurant and operated for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, drawn to a life of public service, Fred Pierce served as an officer for the Harriman Police Department for ten years and rendered sterling service as the department's police chief from 1970 to 1973; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce began playing golf at the age of thirteen and was a caddy at Emory Golf Club until his enlistment in the Navy; he paid his first dues to Emory Golf Club in 1949 and has maintained his membership since that time; and

WHEREAS, during his golfing years, Fred Pierce had seven hole-in-one shots; he was the 1979 and 1980 Emory Golf Club Champion and won a number of golf tournaments in Roane County and throughout East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce's love of golf is a family affair, as he played with his father, Carl Pierce, for many years, and now his sons, Buster and James, and his niece, Jamie Pierce Bullock, carry on the love of the sport; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body recognize Fred Pierce for his longstanding membership in Emory Golf Club; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize Fred Earnest Pierce for being a member of Emory Golf Club for seventy-one years and counting, as we extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and happiness.

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