

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of York Stewart.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a deep sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of a beloved Tennessean, Mr. York Stewart, former principal of the Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy in Seymour; and

WHEREAS, it has been said that Mr. York “was a kind, gentle person who stood for everything that was right” and it is assured that his legacy at the academy will live for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Claude York Stewart was born on a North Carolina farm in 1912, the second of nine children; he received his undergraduate degree from Carson-Newman College in 1937 and obtained a master’s degree in education administration from the University of Tennessee in 1959; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Carson-Newman, Mr. Stewart became dean of boys and a science teacher at Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, now known as The King’s Academy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart dedicated his life to the Academy and the students there, even raising his own children at the school while he and his wife, Ann Vought Stewart, served as dorm parents; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, Mr. Stewart was elected principal of HCBA; he also continued to teach science until 1950 and remained dean of boys until 1955; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart will live on in the hearts and minds of many as he was a perfect example of a fine Christian man and a true friend to the community; and

WHEREAS an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Seymour, Mr. Stewart taught Sunday School and was instrumental in the construction of the new church building; and

WHEREAS, although Mr. Stewart has relinquished this life for a far better existence, he will be remembered by former students, colleagues, family and friends for his kindness, gentleness, dedication and devotion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we pause to mourn the death of Claude York Stewart, while also celebrating the life of this man who meant so much to his community and this state.

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