

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 149

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Floyd Ernest Hutcherson of Rockwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Floyd Ernest Hutcherson; and

WHEREAS, he 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, Floyd Hutcherson served with acumen and alacrity as an attorney and practiced law in Rockwood for sixty years, and he earned the respect of his clients and peers alike for the exemplary quality of his work in negotiations outside the courtroom and debate within; and

WHEREAS, before earning his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tennessee, Floyd Hutcherson served in the United States Army during World War II as a sergeant in combat infantry with the 9<sup>th</sup> Division and participated in the Battle of Remagan Bridgehead at the Rhine River in Germany, and he earned the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge for his honorable military service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hutcherson was an active and devout member of the First Christian Church, which he served faithfully as deacon; he chaired various committees, and took an active role in an array of church activities over the years; and

WHEREAS, he was known as a classic car collector, and he relished involvement in politics, having managed campaigns for John F. Kennedy, Estes Kefauver, and Al Gore Sr. in the early 1960s. He greatly enjoyed music of the Big Band Era, especially Glenn Miller's Orchestra, and attended concerts and big band dances when he could; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Hutcherson was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 50, Rockwood Civitan Club, the Walden Ridge Car Club, Tennessee and Roane County Bar Associations, and American Trial Lawyers Association; and

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

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude Erwin Hutcherson; his father, Ernest Hutcherson; and his stepmother, Willis Reed Hutcherson; and

WHEREAS, for fifty-six years, Floyd Hutcherson enjoyed the loving companionship of and is now survived by his wife, Melba Cole Hutcherson. His son Jeffrey Cole and wife Mollie Lay Hutcherson, and his daughter Heidi Hutcherson and husband George H. Buxton III, also survive him; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Hutcherson is also survived by two granddaughters, Betsy Lea Buxton and Sarah Ann Buxton, and by his brother and sister-in-law, Don and Gloria B. Hutcherson, along with many special nieces, nephews, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hutcherson 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Floyd Ernest Hutcherson, 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. Hutcherson.

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