

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Floyd Peeler of Bulls Gap.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Peeler 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, the son of Banks and Lottie Peeler, John Peeler was born on March 3, 1925, in Faith, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peeler was a United States Navy World War II veteran, and he received four medals for his service in combat; and

WHEREAS, John Peeler served with acumen and alacrity at Norfolk Southern Railway for thirty-eight years, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his local community, Mr. Peeler served on community boards, including boards for the East Tennessee State University's Kellogg Foundation, Holston Electric Cooperative, and Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce; he was also active in his local government and held a variety of positions, including mayor, vice mayor, alderman, a seat on the Planning Commission, and seats on the Labor Day Celebration and Christmas Day Parade committees; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Mr. Peeler received the Modern Woodman Conscientious and Dedicated Community Service Award for his dedication to the betterment of his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peeler was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Mr. Peeler participated in numerous groups and clubs, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9683, the American Legion Post 327, the Bulls Gap Lions Club, from which he received the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the Masonic Lodge 74, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and

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

WHEREAS, John Peeler enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Hannah Jo Pinkston Peeler, and he was the proud parent of Catherine Ruth Creger and Barbara Jon (Frank) Disney and the proud grandparent of Lindsey Disney, Megan Disney, Johanna Creger, and Jonathan Creger; and

WHEREAS, John Peeler 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 remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Floyd Peeler, 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. Peeler.

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