

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 133

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Henry Abbott Callaway Jr., M.D., of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Henry Abbott Callaway Jr., M.D.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Callaway 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, Henry Callaway Jr. was born March 23, 1927, in Oakhurst, Texas, to parents Dr. Henry Abbott and Birdie Miller Callaway. He attended Maryville schools and graduated from Baylor School in Chattanooga in 1945; and

WHEREAS, he served one year in the United States Navy before attending Maryville College, where he was president of his senior class and earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He earned his medical degree from Vanderbilt University in 1954, completed his residency in general and thoracic surgery at Duke University in 1960, and returned home and joined his father and his uncle, Dr. Lea Callaway, in their medical practice; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as a general, thoracic, and vascular surgeon in Maryville for thirty-four years and was highly respected for his precise skill, gentle spirit, and kind bedside manner; and

WHEREAS, Blount County was continuously served by Callaway family doctors from 1931 through 1995. Dr. Henry Callaway Jr. and his brother, Dr. James Callaway, who joined the family practice in 1964, founded the Vascular Lab at Blount Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Henry Callaway excelled as an athlete; he played football and was a boxer and a wrestler, and while attending Maryville College was a pole vaulter and was twice

conference wrestling champion at the 145-pound level. In 2005, he was inducted into the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Callaway was an active and devout eighty-year member of the New Providence Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon and an elder; and

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

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of Martha Hadley "Marty" Callaway for fifty-seven years, and he was the proud father and father-in-law of four sons and their spouses: Henry and Emily Callaway, Dr. Thomas and Susan Callaway, Dr. Hadley and Cameron Callaway, and Ed and Melissa Callaway; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Callaway will be sorely missed by his nine grandchildren, Miller and wife Brittany, Harrison, Patton, Isabel, Darden, Sherwood, Hadley, Caleb, and Elizabeth Callaway; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Callaway 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 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Henry Abbott Callaway Jr., 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 Dr. Callaway.

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