

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 123

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Richard Boston "R.B."
Russell of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Richard Boston "R.B." Russell; and

WHEREAS, R.B. Russell 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, born on November 12, 1927, in Coalfield, Mr. Russell graduated from Coalfield High School, where he was an outstanding football player and was noted for his athleticism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russell served honorably in the United States Army during the Korean War; he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike and received several commendations; and

WHEREAS, he served as a valued member of the Tennessee Highway Patrol for numerous years, until his retirement in 1990 at the rank of captain; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service, Mr. Russell was a charter member of the Oliver Springs Historical Society, served on the Oliver Springs Equalization Board and the Oliver Springs Housing Authority, and was a longstanding member of the Oliver Springs Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, R.B. Russell was an active and devout member of the Beech Park Baptist Church, where he served faithfully for many years as a deacon and Senior Saints coordinator; and

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

WHEREAS, R.B. Russell enjoyed the loving companionship of his late wife Emma Jean Davis Russell; he was the proud father of Tammie Barger and Gretchen (Danny) Byrge, proud grandfather of Brooke (Nate) Wilson, Brent (Beth) Barger, Jonathon Byrge and his fiancée, Lavenia Whitley, and proud great-grandfather of Javen, Bailey, and Kylie Barger; and

WHEREAS, Richard Boston Russell 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Richard Boston "R.B." Russell, 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. Russell.

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