



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 388

By Representatives Floyd, Brown, Cobb, Dean, Favors, Armstrong, Bass, Harry Brooks, Kevin Brooks, Campbell, Camper, Carr, Casada, Coley, Cooper, Curtiss, John DeBerry, Dennis, Dunn, Elam, Eldridge, Faison, Fitzhugh, Ford, Forgety, Gilmore, Gotto, Halford, Hall, Hardaway, Harmon, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Hensley, Hill, Hurley, Curtis Johnson, Phillip Johnson, Jones, Keisling, Kernell, Lollar, Lundberg, Maggart, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McDaniel, McDonald, McManus, Don Miller, Larry Miller, Montgomery, Moore, Naifeh, Niceley, Odom, Parkinson, Pitts, Powers, Pruitt, Ramsey, Rich, Richardson, Roach, Sanderson, Sargent, Sexton, Shaw, Shepard, Shipley, Sontany, Sparks, Stewart, Swann, Tidwell, Tindell, Todd, Towns, Johnnie Turner, Mike Turner, Watson, Weaver, White, Kent Williams, Ryan Williams, Windle, Wirgau, Womick and Madam Speaker Harwell

and

Senators Watson, Berke

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Crutchfield, Jr., of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of William Crutchfield, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crutchfield 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, a lifelong resident of Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain, Bill Crutchfield was the son of noted local architect and artist William Crutchfield and Mary Mitchell Crutchfield, whose ancestors were pioneer families in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crutchfield graduated with honors from Baylor School and became one of the earlier undergraduate Morehead Scholars at the University of North Carolina; he received his legal education at Vanderbilt Law School; and

WHEREAS, he began his law practice with Chambliss, Chambliss & Hodge in 1963 before taking a leave of absence for military service; and

WHEREAS, Bill Crutchfield served with valor and distinction as a Judge Advocate with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea and spent his final three years of active duty as Depot Judge Advocate of the Anniston Alabama Army Depot; and

WHEREAS, his love for the military continued until he retired with the rank of Colonel, and he was named an honor graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crutchfield returned to active practice with Chambliss, Chambliss & Hodge in 1968 and served with acumen and alacrity as a partner for many years until his deteriorating health limited his ability to practice as a trial lawyer, and he became of counsel; and

WHEREAS, he served for several years as the City Judge of Lookout Mountain, in which position he called upon his own experience with mischief in designing creative punishments for juvenile offenders; and

WHEREAS, Bill Crutchfield graciously donated his time and energies to numerous organizations; he was a member of the American, Tennessee, Georgia, Chattanooga, and Lookout Mountain Bar associations, the American Bankruptcy Institute, and the Board of the Mid South Commercial Law Institute, which he also served as President in 1996; and

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WHEREAS, he had served on the Board of the Chattanooga Bar Association and was a member of the House of Delegates of the Tennessee Bar Association for twenty years; he was a Fellow of the Chattanooga and Tennessee Bar foundations; he was a longtime member of the Fairyland Club and a charter member of the Walden Club, which he served for five years as the Board Chairman; and he was a Board Member of Reflection Riding; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Crutchfield was a 1995 recipient of the CBA President's Award for Distinguished Service in the Legal Community, and he was selected by his peers to be listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights law from 2001-11; and

WHEREAS, for many years, he was an active and devout member of the Church of the Good Shepherd on Lookout Mountain, which he served as a Vestryman, Layreader, Chalice Bearer, and Eucharistic Visitor; and

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

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Pat; his children, Neal Crutchfield and Mary Katherine Harper; seven grandchildren, Neal, Jr., Will, George, Max, Brandon, Caleb, and Natalie; and a great-granddaughter, Bailey; and

WHEREAS, Bill Crutchfield 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William Crutchfield, 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 Mr. Crutchfield.

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

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ADOPTED: MAY 12, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR