State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 767

By Representatives Montgomery, Naifeh, Fitzhugh, Armstrong, Bass, Harry Brooks, Kevin Brooks, Brown, Campbell, Camper, Carr, Casada, Cobb, Coley, Cooper, Curtiss, Dean, John DeBerry, Lois DeBerry, Dennis, Dunn, Elam, Eldridge, Evans, Faison, Favors, Floyd, Ford, Forgety, Gilmore, Gotto, Halford, Hall, Hardaway, Harmon, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Hensley, Hill, Curtis Johnson, Phillip Johnson, Keisling, Kernell, Lollar, Lundberg, Maggart, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McCormick, McDaniel, McDonald, McManus, Don Miller, Larry Miller, Moore, Niceley, Odom, Parkinson, Pitts, Powers, Pruitt, Ramsey, Rich, 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 Massey, Barnes, Beavers, Bell, Berke, Burks, Campfield, Crowe, Faulk, Finney, Ford, Gresham, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Marrero, McNally, Norris, Overbey, Roberts, Southerland, Stewart, Summerville, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Yager and Mr. Speaker Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor Edward J. Boling on the celebration of his Ninetieth Birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Boling celebrated his Ninetieth Birthday on February 19, 2012, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born in 1922 in Sevier County, Dr. Boling served with acumen and alacrity from 1970 to 1988 as the President of the University of Tennessee System (UT), the longest term of any president in the University's history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edward Boling earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in statistics from the University of Tennessee, but his time as a student was interrupted by World War II; and

WHEREAS, a member of the greatest generation, Edward Boling served his country with the courage and conviction of a true patriot in the United States Army's Adjutant General Department in Europe; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, he was able to complete his studies and receive a Doctorate in Education from Peabody College at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Dr. Boling has been continuously employed by the University of Tennessee since 1961, and, prior to his exemplary tenure, was an outstanding State Budget Director and Commissioner of Finance and Administration for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as the University's seventeenth president, Dr. Boling presided over that noble institution during the time of its greatest expansion, providing a firm foundation for its future success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Boling created a sense of family and coordination among the University's campuses and institutes as well as their faculty, students, administrators, and alumni; and

WHEREAS, he heavily promoted private fundraising and relationships with alumni and was instrumental in providing support for women's athletics at UT; and

WHEREAS, Edward Boling expertly led the University through a period of great cultural and social change, in which the Board of Trustees gained its first female and African-American members and added a student trustee; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, under his astute leadership, the University established the Institute for Public Service to help bring the University's expertise to the people of Tennessee and saw it ratified by the General Assembly in 1974; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Boling served with distinction on numerous educational, corporate, and civic boards such as the American College Testing Program, Southern Regional Education Board, CSX, North American Philips, the Greater Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, the Knoxville Symphony Society, and the East Tennessee Discovery Center; and

WHEREAS, by the time of his retirement, state appropriations and the University budget had increased six-fold, enrollment reached a then-record of 50,000 students, and public sentiment toward higher education was extremely positive; and

WHEREAS, highly respected by the entire UT family, Dr. Boling currently renders sterling service as the University of Tennessee President Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dr. Boling has been honored by the naming of several buildings in his and his wife's honor, including the Thompson-Boling Assembly Center and Arena in Knoxville; the Edward and Carolyn Boling Pavilion at the UT Medical Center in Knoxville, which became UT Hospital's East Wing in 1984; the Edward J. and Carolyn P. Boling University Center at UT Martin; and the Carolyn P. and Edward J. Boling Center for Child Developmental Disabilities at the UT Health Science Center in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Boling is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Carolyn Pierce Boling, with whom he has treasured over sixty years of martial bliss; the Bolings have three sons, Mark, Brian, and Stephen Boling and are the devoted grandparents of three grandsons and three granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, as Edward Boling approaches his tenth decade, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; 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 join with the family and friends of President Emeritus Edward J. Boling in celebrating this special gentleman's Ninetieth Birthday, commend his dedication to excellence in education, and honor his leadership and more than fifty years of invaluable service to the University and the State of Tennessee.

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: MARCH 26, 2012

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28th day of March 2012

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR