



State of Tennessee

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

By Representative Shaw

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Stephen Alvin Forbes of Bolivar.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Stephen Alvin Forbes, who was affectionately known as "Mr. Jack" by his friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Bolivar and Hardeman County, Mr. Jack was renowned for his good humor, friendly spirit, and generous soul, and he was also an accomplished storyteller; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forbes was first and foremost a good man of strong character and morals, and he dearly loved God, the United States of America, his family, and his fellow citizens of the Bolivar community; and

WHEREAS, he proudly served his country during World War II as a soldier in the European and Pacific theaters for thirty-one months, and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the African-Middle Eastern Operations Ribbon with three Bronze Service Stars; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jack was a lifelong farmer and noble son of the soil who was famous for his watermelons and livestock, and he had been recognized by the Tennessee State University Cooperative Extension Small Farm Program of Hardeman County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forbes expressed his devout faith as a lifelong member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church; and

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

WHEREAS, this remarkable gentleman is survived by his loving wife, Odessa Lake Forbes; his daughters, Helen Ann Forbes and Maybelline Forbes Carpenter; and his grandchildren, Justin Forbes Carpenter and Jordan Forbes Carpenter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forbes 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 human being; now, therefore,

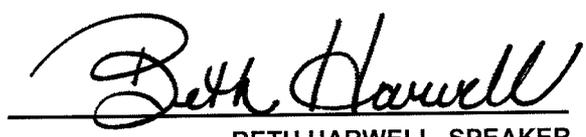
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Stephen Alvin "Mr. Jack" Forbes, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living an examined Christian life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Forbes.

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: APRIL 21, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Beth Harwell", written over a horizontal line.

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES