



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

By Mr. Speaker Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Earnest Obie Hollingsworth.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause to recognize those individuals who, with no thought for personal safety, dedicated themselves to serving this country and the world during its darkest hours; and

WHEREAS, Earnest Obie Hollingsworth, a native of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, is one such intrepid individual who answered the call to arms during World War II; and

WHEREAS, born on October 4, 1913, to Jesse Hollingsworth and Iley Ann Wilkerson, Earnest Hollingsworth was joined in holy matrimony with Mary Wallin Hollingsworth on February 9, 1935, in Rossville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the couple were still living in Rossville on March 29, 1944, the date that Mr. Hollingsworth joined the military. He served with valor and bravery as a sharpshooter until September 27, 1945, the date he received an honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, sadly, Earnest Hollingsworth died in obscurity at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dearborn, Michigan, on July 19, 1967. His family was never contacted, and his body was cremated instead of given a deserved military burial; and

WHEREAS, he was the father of seven children: Ronald Stanley Hollingsworth, Earnest Lamar Hollingsworth, Sylvester Monroe Hollingsworth, Mary Sue Hollingsworth, James Edward Hollingsworth, Linda Faye Hollingsworth, and Leon Steven Hollingsworth, a veteran of the Vietnam War and the last living offspring of Mr. Hollingsworth; 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Earnest Obie Hollingsworth, 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. Hollingsworth.

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

ADOPTED: **February 16, 2012**

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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE