

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 142

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Richard Eugene Vance of Rogersville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Richard Eugene "Gene" Vance; and

WHEREAS, Gene Vance 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, Mr. Vance was retired from the Tennessee Department of Transportation, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vance was a devout member of Rogersville Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, he also attended Shady Grove Baptist Church and was involved in its music program; and

WHEREAS, an avid musician, Gene Vance played with several gospel groups, including The Harmony Strings; and

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

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Joyce Fain Vance; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his brother, Hale Vance; his sister and brother-in-law, Reba and Billy Townsend; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vance was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Clarence Vance and Chloe Vance, and his sisters Beth Vance, Frieda Vance, and Sarah King; and

WHEREAS, Gene Vance 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Richard Eugene Vance, 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. Vance.

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