

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Elwood Pennington of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Elwood Pennington; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennington 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, Elwood Pennington spent more than three decades as a football, basketball, and track coach at several Knoxville-area high schools, and his leadership and guidance helped inspire countless student athletes, many of whom carry on his legacy of integrity and character today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennington attended Bluefield State College and Marshall University, from which he earned a degree in education, and during his sterling career, he molded young minds at Lake City High School, Clinton High School, Campbell County High School, Knox-Halls High School, and Webb School of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to success at the highest levels of high school athletics, Elwood Pennington was a member of the coaching staff which guided the Knox-Halls Red Devils football team to a Class AAA state championship in 1986 and coached the Webb School of Knoxville football team, which featured his son, Chad, playing quarterback, to a state title in 1996; and

WHEREAS, his friends, colleagues, and former players and students remember him as a man who was dedicated to helping young people succeed on the field of play, in the classroom, and in life; and

WHEREAS, Elwood Pennington was deeply devoted to his family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-three years, Denise Y. Pennington, and was the proud father of James Chadwick Pennington and Andrea Martine Dubois; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennington will be sorely missed by his five grandchildren and his sisters, Carolyn A. Childers and Tammy G. Walker; and

WHEREAS, Elwood Pennington 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 recognize the life and contributions of Elwood Pennington, remembering a life lived with honor, distinction, and dignity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. Pennington.

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