

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 147

By Sanderson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Arthur Melton on his induction into the Tennessee Press Association's 50-Year Club.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as leaders in their professional fields; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Arthur Melton, the advertising and general management executive for *The Union City Daily Messenger (The Messenger)*, who was inducted into the Tennessee Press Association's 50-Year Club on February 5, 2015, at a banquet held during the association's winter convention in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the 50-Year Club honors individuals who remain active in the newspaper industry and have fifty years or more of service, regardless of positions held; and

WHEREAS, many of the club's inductees witnessed the newspaper industry's transition from hot lead type to modern digital methods of production and dissemination during their careers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Melton is a proud veteran of the United States Navy who, after completing his naval service, attended Mississippi State College, now Mississippi State University, from which he graduated in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Melton began his career as an advertising representative at *The Messenger* in 1951. He has stayed with *The Messenger* for the past sixty-four years, serving in many different capacities, including advertising salesman, personnel director, advertising director, pressman, purchasing manager, general manager, and IT department director; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Melton has been the face of *The Messenger* for decades and should be recognized for his years of service in this State's newspaper industry; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud those professionals who have served as exemplars in their professional fields through their service to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; 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 and commend Arthur Melton on being inducted into the Tennessee Press Association's 50-Year Club and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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