

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 187

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Representative George Fraley for his professional achievements.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to recognize those Tennesseans who, throughout their years of industry, have served as beacons of inspiration and leadership within their communities and this State; and

WHEREAS, George Fraley, a respected member of the Tennessee House of Representatives between 1996 and 2010, is one such sterling individual, an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who has worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1955, Representative Fraley completed management training at the University of Alabama, Huntsville, and became a state-certified radiological monitoring instructor and defense officer; and

WHEREAS, Representative Fraley served with honor and valor as a member of the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War, serving his country in active duty between 1951 and 1953; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long and varied career, George Fraley was a secondary schoolteacher (1955–1956); a general insurance claims adjuster (1956–1958); an engineer, lead engineer, building manager, and supervisor at the Arnold Engineering Development Center (1958–1990); a Franklin County executive (1990–1994); a Franklin County commissioner (1969–1982); and the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Franklin County Commission for eight years; and a fourteen-year member of the Tennessee House of Representatives (1996–2010),

during which time he represented the good people of House District 39 with dedication, acumen, and alacrity; and

WHEREAS, Representative Fraley has also managed and operated a livestock farm since 1961; and

WHEREAS, as a public servant, Representative Fraley had a tremendously positive impact on the civil and economic development of the communities he served. He was responsible for a number of projects and improvements, including the funding of Highway 41A, allowing for the improvement from a two-lane highway to a divided four-lane highway from Decherd to Shelbyville; the rerouting and building of Highway 64 from Interstate 24 through Lincoln and Franklin counties; the continued support for the State Highway 50 bypass; and the establishment of State Highway 476, allowing for state highway access to Tims Ford State Park. He was also responsible for the establishment of a Solid Waste Authority recycling facility in Franklin County, the implementation of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act in Franklin County, the purchase of the first computers and fax machines for the Franklin County courthouse, the funding of the development of pre-kindergarten classes in all Franklin County elementary schools, and the garnering of grants totaling more than \$40 million. These grants were used to develop and improve a number of projects in Franklin County, including the obtaining of funds for the Revitalization of Winchester, which will continue through 2022; the expansion of the Winchester and Sewanee airports; and the building of safety turn lanes for schools and hospitals in his district. Representative Fraley was also responsible in a collaborative effort with the Tennessee legislature and many other dedicated citizens to locate Nissan North America in Decherd; and

WHEREAS, Representative George Fraley has lent his time and expertise in membership to a number of civic and community organizations, serving as a member and director of the Tennessee Farm Bureau, as chair of the Motlow State Community College's Local Elected Officials committee and the Franklin County Resource Development Association, as a member and past commander of American Legion Post #44, a member and former chair of the Middle Tennessee Society for Nondestructive Testing, a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner, and a member of the Franklin County Livestock Association, the Tennessee Agricultural

Training Center Board, the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Board, the Franklin County Historical Society, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Southern Middle Tennessee Technical Institute Taskforce, and the Franklin County Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Fraley is the recipient of the Governor's Award for Outstanding Service in the Job Training Partnership Act; the Governor's Award for Outstanding Accomplishments, Great Sacrifices, and Distinguished Contributions; the 1999 Tennessee Development District Association Legislator of the Year Award; the 1997 Arnold Engineering Development District and United States Air Force Pioneer Award; the 1994 Motlow State Community College Outstanding Leadership and Voluntary Service Award; the Outstanding Franklin Jaycee Award; the 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King Foundation Service Award; the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Award for Devoted Service to the Franklin County Community; and the Middle Tennessee State University 2011–2012 Distinguished Alumnus Award. On March 27, 2015, the Franklin County Democratic Party, the Franklin County Highway Department, the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, the Franklin County Commission, and the Franklin County mayor will recognize Representative George Fraley with the celebration of "George Fraley Appreciation Day" and the naming of a bridge on State Highway 476 in Franklin County in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Representative Fraley has built 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 the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize the many outstanding accomplishments of this exceptional public servant and human being through more than thirty years of public service; 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 hereby recognize our friend and former colleague Representative George Fraley, applauding his tireless service to his community, to the people of Franklin County and House District 39, and to the State of Tennessee throughout his many years of

dedicated service, and extending our best wishes for his continued success and happiness in all future endeavors.

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