

HOUSE RESOLUTION 54

By Rogers

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Frank E. Freels Sr. of Gallatin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Frank E. Freels Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Freels 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, born in Morgan County on July 30, 1933, Mr. Freels served in the United States Army and was employed at Lorillard Tobacco Company for twenty-seven years, where he earned the respect of his peers and his superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Mr. Freels and his wife, Virginia, moved to Hendersonville, where he quickly became a servant of the community. He coached eleven- and twelve-year-old Giants baseball for twenty-one years, coached eleven- and twelve-year-old Rams football, and served as Sumner County Commissioner for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Freels was a member of the Civitan Club, and he was a 33rd Degree Freemason; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his Lord, he was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Hendersonville, where he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Frank Freels Sr. was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Freels was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Edward Freels and Lucy Elizabeth Human Freels; his brothers, J. L. Freels, Charles Freels, R. D. Freels, Dudley Freels, and Joe Freels; and his sister, Betty Freels Rodgers; and

WHEREAS, his memory will be cherished by his loving wife of fifty-eight years, Virginia Holder Freels; his two sons, Frank (Karen) Freels Jr. and Joe (Tasha) Freels; his brothers, Paul (Helen) Freels and H. M. (Ruby) Freels; and his grandchildren, Zachary, Matthew, Jonathan, Sarah, Lucy Jo, and Charlie Freels; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Freels 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 the members of 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, that we honor the memory of Frank E. Freels Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Freels.

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