

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 164

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Herman Clayton Davis of Coalfield.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Herman Clayton Davis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis 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, Herman Davis was born on July 7, 1929, to Alva and Edith Davis; he attended Coalfield School, and he lived in the Coalfield community for most of his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis served with acumen and alacrity for the Tennessee Department of Corrections for more than thirty years, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he served as warden of Bushy Mountain Prison, Fort Pillow Prison, and the Morgan County Regional Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was an active and devout member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Ramona Patterson Davis, now deceased, and was the proud father of Mike (Rhonda) Davis; proud grandfather of grandson Jason (Renee) Davis; and proud great-grandfather of great-grandson Cannon Davis; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his brother, Jackson (Lois) Davis; his sisters, Billie Woods and Gayle (Doug) Gray; special friend, Dawn Davis; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and other friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Mr. Davis trained and showed horses and supported local sports teams, including the Coalfield Yellow Jackets and the Wartburg Lady Bulldogs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Herman Clayton Davis, 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. Davis.

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