



# *State of Tennessee*

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 495

**By Gresham, Bailey, Beavers, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Green, Haile, Harper, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Massey, McNally, Niceley, Norris, Overbey, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Yager, Yarbrow, Mr. Speaker Ramsey**

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Harold Weddington of Somerville.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Weddington 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, Harold Weddington served with acumen and alacrity as the head of maintenance at Germantown Baptist Church, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work, until his retirement in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weddington distinguished himself as a steadfast patriot of our nation when he joined the United States Air Force right out of high school in 1955; and

WHEREAS, upon his return home from service, he received an associate's degree from Henderson Business College in 1969; and

WHEREAS, a proven entrepreneur, Harold Weddington owned his own cleaning business and janitorial service; and

WHEREAS, known throughout Fayette County for his woodworking skills, Mr. Weddington took great pride in working with his hands; he enjoyed tinkering with cars and was an avid photographer; and

WHEREAS, as a staunch basketball fan, he proved his dedication to the sport and his hometown university through his membership in the Highland Hundred, which lasted more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Harold Weddington was also a faithful member of the Knights of Columbus Tennessee State Council; and

WHEREAS, an exemplar of Tennessee's spirit of volunteerism, Harold Weddington volunteered with State Senator Dolores Gresham's office in Somerville and Fayette Cares; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weddington was also a graduate of Fayette County's Chamber of Commerce Leadership Fayette program; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Memphis, which he served faithfully for many years, Mr. Weddington was also a part of the Pastoral Council of St. Philip the Apostle Church in Somerville; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Weddington enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Delores Jones Weddington, and was the proud father of Darryl Weddington, Lisa Hayslett, and Donna Weddington Walker; and

WHEREAS, Harold Weddington is further survived by his grandchildren, Alex Watkins, Kandace Walker, Rachel Walker, and Madison Hayslett, and great-grandchildren, Antonio and Kimora Bean; and

WHEREAS, Harold Weddington 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Harold Weddington, 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. Weddington.

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

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ADOPTED: February 25, 2016

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 1st day of March 2016

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR