

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joseph C. Loser Jr. of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joseph C. Loser Jr. of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Loser 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, for more than two decades, Joseph Loser rendered sterling service as the dean of the Nashville School of Law, and his leadership and expertise provided guidance and direction to the school and its many students throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Loser took the helm of the Nashville School of Law in 1986 and planned to retire in July 2014 before passing away in May; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming the dean, Joseph Loser served as a Davidson County Circuit Court Judge for twenty years and, in his long career in the judicial system, Mr. Loser also served as a Special Judge of the Tennessee Court of Appeals, a Special Judge of the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, and a Special Judge of the Supreme Court of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late J. Carlton Loser Sr. and Pearl Dean Loser, Joseph Loser attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1950, but put his undergraduate studies on hold to serve his country. He served with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Air Force from 1951 until 1952; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his active duty in the Air Force, Mr. Loser served as a member of the Tennessee Air National Guard between 1951 and 1971, was a retired reserve major in the Air Force, and attended the National Judicial Academy in Reno, Nevada, in 1971; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Mr. Loser attended Vanderbilt University before attending night school in pursuit of a law degree, which he earned in 1959; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as the dean of the Nashville School of Law, Joseph Loser guided the institution with foresight and a commitment to academic excellence, and led the 113-year-old school through a period of growth and modernization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Loser led the initiative to change the school's name and oversaw its relocation from the Downtown YMCA to Sidco Drive in 1990. He then spearheaded the law school's first capital campaign, which raised money for the renovation of a 33,000-square-foot building for the new campus on Armory Drive, which has served as home for the Nashville School of Law since 2005; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Loser was a talented educator who taught a civil procedure class from 1979 until 1999, and he was the author of *An Outline of Workers' Compensation Law of Tennessee*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Loser also served as a member of the advisory committee for the Legal Assisting Program of Draughons Junior College, the Senior Attorney Volunteer Project for Legal Services of Tennessee, the Nashville Bar Association's Mentoring Committee, the Working Committee Commission on the Future of the Tennessee Judicial System, and the Tennessee Bar Association Legal Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Judge Loser was recognized by the Tennessee Judicial Conference and was declared senior counselor of the Tennessee Bar Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Loser was also a founding member of the Harry Phillips American Inn of Court, serving as the organization's treasurer from 1990, and became a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Judges in 1974, of the Nashville Bar Foundation in 1993, and of the Tennessee Bar Foundation in 2004; and

WHEREAS, he was also a member of a number of civic-minded organizations, including Kappa Sigma fraternity, American Legion Post 5, Royal Order of Jesters Court #92, John B. Garrett Lodge, Al Menah Temple, and Richland Country Club, and he was an honorary 33rd Degree Mason; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Loser was deeply devoted to his family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-two years, Mildred "Millie" Nichols Loser, and was the proud father of Joseph "Chip" Loser III; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his sister, Margy Ann Gass, and his extended family, Becky and Jeff Bilbrey, M. Lee and Barbara Gregory, and Lynn and Gary McDonald; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Loser 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 Joseph C. Loser Jr., 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. Loser.

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