

Memorial Resolution

HONORABLE JACKSON C. “JACK” RAULSTON

1926 – 2018

Jackson C. “Jack” Raulston died peacefully on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at his home at the Bridge in Ooltewah, TN. He was just shy of his 92nd birthday.

Chancellor Raulston is survived by his beloved wife of more than 70 years, Ginna Ambrester Raulston, and his daughter, Marsha Raulston, and her wife, Margaret Rose Boric, of San Francisco, CA. He is also survived by six special nieces (all of whom were his “favorite”), a nephew, several cousins and other kin.

Chancellor Raulston was born May 15, 1926, in Sweetens Cove, Tennessee. The family later moved to Richard City, where Chancellor Raulston was educated at Richard Hardy Memorial School, and later graduated from South Pittsburg High School. A few days after graduation Chancellor Raulston joined the United States Navy, where he served honorably during the Second World War. While in the Navy he attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Bainbridge, MD. The next year the U.S. Navy gave him a “fleet appointment” to the academy, but he opted to pursue his education at Vanderbilt University. Chancellor Raulston graduated from Vanderbilt, where he received his B.A. and J.D. degrees.

After graduating from Vanderbilt Law School in February 1952, Chancellor Raulston began his practice of law in Kingsport, Tennessee, which lasted for 54 years. In 1961, he became the youngest Trial Chancellor in Tennessee when Governor Buford Ellington named him as Judge Chancellor of the newly created Law and Chancery Court of Sullivan County. The next year he ran, unopposed,

and was elected for an eight-year term. After serving for two years in that term, he chose to re-enter the practice of law, and spent many years advocating for better compensation for Tennessee's Chancellors. He served as President of the Kingsport Bar Association, was named to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Bar Association and served six years on the Supreme Court's Board of Professional Responsibility. Chancellor Raulston retired in 2006 and moved to Chattanooga.

While in Kingsport, he was active in the Kingsport Jaycees, the Kingsport Preaching Mission, the Kingsport Kiwanis Club, the Devotion Merchant's Association, and the Tri-Cities Estate Planning Council. He was selected as Kingsport's "Outstanding Young Man" in 1959. He and his wife were avid golfers and members of the Ridgefields Country Club in Kingsport.

Chancellor and Mrs. Raulston were members of the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsport where both had served as Deacon and Elder. At the time of his death, they were members of the Second Presbyterian Church in downtown Chattanooga.

Chancellor Raulston qualified for membership in the "First Families of Tennessee" through his ancestors, Matthew Raulston, Alexander Kelly, and Robert Bean, each having been residents of Tennessee before it became a state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tennessee Judicial Conference that the foregoing Memorial Resolution in honor of our departed colleague, Jackson C. "Jack" Raulston, be entered on the minutes of this conference, that a copy be furnished to Thompson West for publication in Tennessee Decisions, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this tribute and resolution be furnished to his family.

Respectfully submitted the 13th day of June, 2018.

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