

A RESOLUTION urging the federal government to rename the Paducah Federal Courthouse the "Edward H. Johnstone Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

WHEREAS, Edward Huggins Johnstone was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on April 26, 1922. Raised in Paducah, he proudly served as a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II, earning a Bronze Star Medal and a Silver Star Medal for his valor; and

WHEREAS, Edward Huggins Johnstone earned his juris doctorate from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Edward Huggins Johnstone practiced law in Princeton, Kentucky for over 27 years, serving as Princeton City Attorney, Kuttawa City Attorney, and Fredonia City Attorney. He was nominated by President Jimmy Carter to a seat on the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, a position confirmed by the United States Senate on October 7, 1977; and

WHEREAS, Judge Johnstone served as Chief Judge on the Executive Committee for the Judicial Circuit for the Sixth Circuit and on the Judicial Conference of the United States. Throughout his legal career and his service as a federal judge, he was known for compassion, humility, and fairness. Judge Johnstone reminded prospective jurors that the courtroom was theirs, not his, and he extended fairness to corporate executives and pro se litigants alike; and

WHEREAS, Judge Johnstone maintained his primary office in Paducah rather than Louisville, which had been chosen by many of his peers in the Western District. He arrived at work before 7 a.m. and often worked late and on weekends, his work ethic second to none; and

WHEREAS, for his service to this Commonwealth and to his district, this Honorable Body hereby urges the federal government of the United States to rename the Paducah Federal Courthouse the "Edward H. Johnstone Federal Building and United States Courthouse";

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. The Senate urges the federal government of the United States to rename the Paducah Federal Courthouse, located at 501 Broadway Street in Paducah, Kentucky, the "Edward H. Johnstone Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Dorsey Ridley for delivery.