

JOE R. HAYNES 2004 RECIPIENT OF THE KBA GOVERNORS AWARD Respected Man of Lasting Integrity

The 2004 Knoxville Association Governors Award was presented to Joe R. Haynes at the annual meeting on December 10, 2004. The award was especially flattering since Joe Haynes has been retired from the active practice of law for 13 years. The Governor's Award Committee and the Knoxville Bar Association Board of Governors chose Joe based upon his exemplary legal career, his commendable personal life, and his lasting integrity. Joe Haynes is the go-to guy. In the past, when there was a disputed issue facing the annual meeting of the Knoxville Bar Association, Joe Haynes would listen quietly. He would then walk to the front of the room, summarize the issue, and suggest the manner in which it should be handled. Most often the members would vote to follow the suggestion of Joe Haynes - a born leader.

Joe Haynes attended Carson-Newman College for undergraduate school where he was a champion debater, winning regional and national honors. World War II intervened, and Joe became a B-17 Bomber pilot. Subsequently, he attended the University of Tennessee College of Law and graduated in 1945. Joe actually passed the bar before he graduated from law school.

It is interesting to know how he first became employed as a lawyer. Joe went to the courthouse and watched trials to determine the lawyer he felt most exemplified a good advocate. He was particularly impressed with Cecil Meek, Sr. and, following a trial, went up to Mr. Meek, complimented him regarding the handling of the case, and asked him for a job on the spot. Mr. Meek took him back up to his office and soon Joe was hired.

He was a leader in the Bar Association. He served as president of the Knoxville Bar Association in 1965 and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Bar Association. He is a fellow of the Knoxville Bar Foundation.

Joe has always been very active in the legal fraternity Phi Delta Phi and served as its international president. Joe led that association through some difficult times facing social issues of the day.

Joe was very active in the community. He served twice on the

Board of Trustees of Carson-Newman College and was Chairman of that Board. He was active in the fight to help victims of muscular dystrophy. He has faithfully served his church, Central Baptist of Fountain City, where he served as a Sunday school teacher and deacon. He has served as a member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Joe still brings comfort to the homebound and persons who are confined to the hospital. In addition, Joe has been an active participant in the Great Smoky Mountain Conservation Association.

Joe married Reba Haynes 62 years ago and their relationship has been storybook. Most of their activities have been together. When Joe retired in 1991, he and Reba became active hikers in the Great Smoky Mountains. In fact, they have now walked every trail in the Great Smoky Mountains (900 miles). Joe has actually logged over 8,000 miles since his retirement.

He loves the out-of-doors and has

been as successful in this retirement hobby as he was as an attorney.

This Association appreciates the good works of Joe Haynes and appreciated his stature among lawyers as a role model.

