

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

By Carringer

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jimmy Lee Smith of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jimmy Lee Smith, the father of our former colleague Representative Eddie Smith; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Smith 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, Jimmy Lee Smith was born on July 5, 1949; he was the son of Clarence and Avis Smith; and

WHEREAS, from a young age, Mr. Smith harbored a desire to be a truck driver; he dedicated his life to this career, retiring in May 2019 after forty-five years of devoted service, thirty-seven of which were with Averitt Express; and

WHEREAS, an important member of his community, Jimmy Smith volunteered as vice president of the Alice Bell Spring Hill Ballpark Commission from 1990 to 1998; he loved serving local youth sports, and it was his goal to positively impact young people in a meaningful way, a goal he achieved through selfless service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was an active and devout member of Grace Baptist Church in Knoxville; and

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

WHEREAS, Jimmy Smith will be mourned yet fondly remembered by his loving wife of forty-three years, Becky; his three children, former Representative Eddie (Lanna) Smith,

Stephen (Lindsay) Smith, and Amy (Dustin) Cradic; his brother, David Smith; his six grandchildren, Lauren, Trenton, Colton, Everly, Brianna, and Rylee; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings Ronald Smith and Geraldine Harrell; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Smith 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 remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jimmy Lee Smith, 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. Smith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.