

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 325

By Doggett

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ronald David Burnett of Lawrenceburg.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ronald David Burnett; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burnett was an exemplary gentleman and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Brady, Texas, on July 1, 1954, Mr. Burnett was the beloved son of the late William "Dave" and Lorene Mabry Burnett; and

WHEREAS, a founding member of the Gandy Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station 11 in 1987, Mr. Burnett rose through the ranks to become the chief of the department for many years, and desiring to assist his neighbors in even more varied ways, he earned and utilized his EMT license; and

WHEREAS, the sterling service rendered by Mr. Burnett fashions an imitable example of the highest order for future generations of firefighters, and he leaves behind his sons, Jonathan and Will, as fire chief and department captain, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and sincere faith, Mr. Burnett also ministered to his community as a preacher; and

WHEREAS, throughout the many decades he spent serving others, Mr. Burnett answered countless cries for help, whether they be for physical, emotional, or spiritual assistance; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Burnett is survived by his sons, Jonathan Burnett and Will (Brooke) Burnett; his grandchildren, Kimberly Burnett, Jacoby Burnett, Liam Burnett, and Christopher Burnett; and his special friend and brother in Christ, Sidney (Kristen) Shull; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Mr. Burnett was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma Luna Burnett; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burnett 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 pause to 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ronald David Burnett, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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.