

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 586

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Charles Hudson, Jr., of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James "Jim" Charles Hudson, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Jim Hudson 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, a highly successful businessman, Mr. Hudson was the owner and founder of Hudson Construction Company, a national firm that conducts construction projects across the United States; and

WHEREAS, born in Mount Willing, Alabama, on August 2, 1937, Jim Hudson was the son of James Charles and Margaret Taylor Hudson and moved to Chattanooga with his family as a teenager; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Chattanooga Central High School, he attended Tennessee Technological University before returning to Chattanooga to start a family and found his construction company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson was a member of several local civic and nonprofit organizations, including the Rotary Club, and served on the boards of the YMCA, the Association of General Contractors of Tennessee, the Chattanooga Airport Authority, Children's Nutritional Program of Haiti, Chambliss Center for Children, and the Chattanooga Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church and retired early from the day-to-day construction business to use his carpentry skills as a missionary carpenter; he built, finished, and remodeled churches in Alaska, South Dakota, and Costa Rica and a home for unwed mothers in Tennessee in addition to building a school in

Haiti with the Children's Nutrition Program of Haiti, for which he was subsequently honored with the prestigious Deb Welington Heart for Haiti Award; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his treasured partner, Ellen Spencer Hudson, and was the proud father of Jimmy (Sam Mosier) Hudson, Mark Hudson, Bobby (Pam Martin) Hudson, and Steve Hudson and doting grandfather of Chuck Hudson, Grace Hudson, and Margaret Anne Hudson; and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his sister, Vivian Smith; his numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; and a host of extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Jim Hudson 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 James Charles Hudson, Jr., 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. Hudson.

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.