

HOUSE RESOLUTION 14

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Paul David Wood.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Paul David Wood; and

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

WHEREAS, born in Sullivan County on September 8, 1954, to Doris Sandidge Wood and Paul Junior Wood, Mr. Wood graduated from Lynn View High School in 1972 and began his career at the Eastman Chemical Company, where he worked in fire maintenance until his well-deserved retirement in 2006; and

WHEREAS, David Wood served the City of Church Hill for more than thirty-four years; he became the city's second fire chief in 1986 and served as a building inspector until his full retirement in 2019, after which time he spent his remaining years in the bosom of his family as a loving husband, father, and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, a man of refined leisure, he was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing with his grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wood's industrious nature led him to learn carpentry and participate in mission work, the latter of which was supremely expressive of his habitual care for those in need; and

WHEREAS, a mentorial spirit, he was always willing to hand on what he had learned through many years of practiced labor to the next generation, and his compassionate impact on so many lives is incalculable; and

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

WHEREAS, he is survived by his cherished wife of forty-two years, Karla Ford Wood; his son, Paul Luke (Emily) Wood; his daughter, Emily Elizabeth Wood; his grandchildren, Collin Wood, Grant Wood, and Charlcie Wood; his sisters, Pauletta (Charles) McKenzie, Martha (Wayne) Simmons, and Pamela (Mike) Fink; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Jeremy David Wood; and

WHEREAS, Paul Wood 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 legislative body 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 FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Paul David Wood, 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. Wood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.