

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Franklin Dewey Shaffer of Lawrenceburg.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Franklin Dewey Shaffer of Lawrenceburg; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Shaffer 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, born on February 22, 1948, in Corpus Christi, Texas, Mr. Shaffer was the only child born to Ishmael Worth Shaffer and Marjorie Gaynell Williams; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Shaffer spent his formative years in Corpus Christi and attended Tuloso-Midway Independent School District before he and his family relocated to Summertown, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaffer graduated from Lawrence County High School in 1965 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Middle Tennessee State University; he returned to Texas and earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence law degree from the University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, following law school, Franklin Shaffer began his legal career as the assistant district attorney in Corpus Christi, Texas; he went on to purchase the family business, Shaffer's Muffler Shops, and continued his father's legacy of hard work and ingenuity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaffer was a successful entrepreneur in the Lawrenceburg community, known for his innovative ventures and businesses and his ability to turn his dreams into reality; perhaps his proudest achievement was founding Shaffer Farms Custom Meats and Texas Bar-B-Q, a restaurant that brought his passion for Texas-style barbecue to Tennessee and created a destination where family, friends, celebrities, and visitors from across the country could gather and savor his legendary recipes; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Shaffer also owned an exotic deer farm in Lawrenceburg that spanned several hundred acres and shared the magic of the winter season among children and local schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaffer's love for the unusual extended to his remarkable collection of exotic cats, which included his beloved jaguar, Tigre, who became a local celebrity in Corpus Christi; and

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

WHEREAS, Franklin Shaffer will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his cherished wife, Brenda Shaffer; his children, Perry Worth (Wendy) Shaffer, Brian Lawrence (Kendra) Shaffer, and Amanda Renee (Andy) Elledge; his stepchildren, Natalie (Mark) White, Stacey (Bubba) Doss, and Shane Hughes; his grandchildren, Presley (Kody) Gobble, Madison Shaffer, Allison (Garrett) Clark, Jon Frank Gobbell, Chloe (Austin) Nash, Colton Shaffer, Jozie Shaffer, Abbie Jo Shaffer, Elijah Shaffer, Savannah Doss, Walker Doss, and Mia White; his great-grandson, Weston Nash; and a host of friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, the epitome of excellence, Mr. Shaffer was an eccentric and faithful soul who impacted the lives of those who were blessed to know him, and he 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Franklin Dewey Shaffer, 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. Shaffer.

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.