

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joseph Hamilton "Jody" Bowman IV of Franklin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joseph Hamilton "Jody" Bowman IV; and

WHEREAS, Jody Bowman 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, Mr. Bowman was the son of Joseph Hamilton Bowman III and Virginia Colley McDaniel Bowman and an eighth-generation resident of Williamson County; he was a proud third-generation graduate of Battle Ground Academy, and he received his bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and his master's degree from the Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking; and

WHEREAS, Jody Bowman enjoyed a long career in banking until his retirement, serving as senior vice president and director of Williamson County Bank, executive vice president and director of Franklin National Bank, executive vice president of Cumberland Bank, and executive vice president of Franklin Synergy Bank; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowman served his community in a myriad of ways, including as president of the Franklin Lions Club, board member of the former O'More College of Design and Mt. Hope Perpetual Care Cemetery, chair and director of the War Memorial Public Library, trustee of Battle Ground Academy and the Carter House, and treasurer and board member of the Battle of Franklin Trust and Sons of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, he had a longtime relationship with the Heritage Foundation of Williamson County and was a board member and treasurer of the organization; he also served as finance chairman during the purchase and renovation of the Franklin Theatre in downtown Franklin; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Jody Bowman was inducted into the Battle Ground Academy Alumni Hall of Fame in 2015, and he and his wife were named king and queen of the Heritage Ball; he made history in 2017 as the first multigenerational recipient of the Heritage Foundation's Patrons Award for his exceptional leadership and significant contributions to historic preservation efforts in Williamson County, following in the footsteps of his mother, a former Williamson County historian; and

WHEREAS, Jody Bowman was an active and devout member of Heritage Church of Christ, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon and an elder; 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, Jody Bowman enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-eight years, Gilda Traugber Bowman; he was the proud father of Joseph Hamilton (Emily) Bowman V and William Otis Brent (Shelley) Bowman; the treasured grandfather of Elizabeth Virginia Bowman, William Lane Bowman, Josephine Anna Jane Bowman, and Matthew Hamilton Bowman; and the devoted brother of Frances Colley Bowman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowman 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joseph Hamilton "Jody" Bowman IV, 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. Bowman.

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.