

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Marvin Lynn Hammond of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Marvin Lynn “Hambone” Hammond; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Hammond was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who will be remembered as a godly servant leader, a generous southern gentleman, and one who always showed genuine Christian love for his fellow man, especially the less fortunate he came to know; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Harvey and Carrie Hammond, he was saved at an early age at Alice Bell Baptist Church and was a faithful and active member of Salem Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Hammond was a veteran of the United States Air Force, and he was the holder of the coveted Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver awards; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant and accomplished professional, Mr. Hammond was the retired president and chief executive officer of Hallsdale-Powell Utility District, and he had also retired from the Knoxville Utility Board after more than thirty years of service; and

WHEREAS, he was a proud alumnus of East Tennessee State University, where he was active in the baseball and football programs; and

WHEREAS, a skillful athlete, Marvin Hammond played minor league baseball for the Macon Peaches in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hammond 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 loving wife, Kay Hammond; his son and wife Jeff and Missy Hammond, his daughter and spouse Lisa and Darren Cardwell; and his brother and best friend James; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hammond will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, John and Xan Hammond, Amber and Colby Cardwell, and Megan Pratt; and by his great-granddaughter, Lucy Rae Pratt; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Hammond 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 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Marvin Lynn Hammond, 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. Hammond.

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