

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 152

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Whit Samuel Goins of LaFollette.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Whit Samuel Goins; and

WHEREAS, Whit Goins was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who provided solid leadership and thoughtful guidance for his fellow citizens as a Campbell County Commissioner, in which capacity he served for five decades; and

WHEREAS, first elected to the Campbell County Commission in 1970, Mr. Goins had, with the exception of one or two short gaps, continued to represent the 1st District until announcing his retirement from public office last year; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure as a county commissioner, Whit Goins distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, one of Mr. Goins's steadfast goals as a commissioner was the expansion of waterline service in the rural communities of his district; he worked diligently to resolve the issue and made tremendous progress in securing much-needed waterline extensions in the 1st District; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary career in service to the citizens of Campbell County, Whit Goins was posthumously honored with the prestigious 2022 Ralph Puckett Award by the Tennessee County Commissioners Association; and

WHEREAS, wholly dedicated to his community, Mr. Goins was a member of the school board for several years, a member of Campbell County Masonic Lodge # 778 F&AM and Knoxville Scottish Rite, and a longtime Shriner who could frequently be found at Katie's Restaurant, spending time with his many friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goins was an active and devout member of Victory Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years, and had recently been attending Bethlehem Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Whit Goins was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of sixty-one years, Beatrice Poston Goins; daughter, Marquita Goins (Jim); son, Mark (Rebecca) Goins; grandchildren, Colton (Celia) Goins, Kaylee (Paul) Proffitt, Brody Goins, Noah Goins, and Knox Goins; brothers, Walter Goins and twin brother Wallace Goins; sister, Mary Meredith; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Minnie Underwood Goins, and his sisters, Larna Ridenour and Nannie Ivey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goins 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 we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Whit Samuel Goins, 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. Goins.

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.