

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 529

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Brandon Watson Karcher of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Brandon Watson Karcher; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Karcher 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 in Memphis on July 22, 1978, Brandon Karcher was raised alongside his sister in Somerville by their parents, Charlotte and Ed Karcher; and

WHEREAS, from a young age, Mr. Karcher knew that he wanted to learn the art of agriculture; he spent many hours as a child working alongside his father in the fields, and he began farming with his father, cousin, and uncle as a high school student; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from Fayette Academy, Mr. Karcher attended Jackson State Community College, during which time he continued to farm full time with his family at Highway View Farms; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, he was selected as the Fayette County Young Farmer of the Year for his dedication and skill to the time-old tradition of farming. His family's farm was one of the first operations in Fayette County to use precision agriculture farming practices, and the farm was featured in *Cotton Grower* magazine and the *Delta Farm Press* for its advanced methods; and

WHEREAS, eager to further develop their agricultural knowledge, Brandon Karcher, alongside his cousin, Rob, participated in the Next Level Ag production program to learn better corn and soybean growing methods. Mr. Karcher's love for farming led him to participate in several agricultural forums in Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karcher was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church Somerville, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, above all else, Brandon Karcher fiercely loved life, his family, and farming; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his parents; his sister, Erin (Eric) Brigance; his niece, Rebekah Brigance; his nephews, Stevie (Ashlee) Brigance and Drew Brigance; his great nephew, Jace; his special buddy, John Weston; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Karcher 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Brandon Watson Karcher, 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. Karcher.

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.