

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 734

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Billy Walker of Watertown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Billy Walker; and

WHEREAS, Billy Walker 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, the son of William Gordon Walker and Grace Pearl Givan Walker, Mr. Walker was born on October 24, 1949, in Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, Billy Walker was a 1967 graduate of Watertown High School, and he later graduated from Hartsville Vocational School; and

WHEREAS, a longtime farmer, Billy Walker was a highly regarded member of his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church, Alexandria, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-four years, LaVonne Washer Walker; he was the proud father of Julie Beasley, Jill Chappell, and Cindy Evert and the treasured grandfather of Brady Chappell, Lola Klaire Chappell, Jack Walker Beasley, Ben Thomas Beasley, James William Evert, and Camille Evert; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by his sister, Helen Walker Edwards; his mother-in-law, Jo Doris Washer; and his niece and nephews, Angie Garrett, Steve Edwards, and Tim Edwards; and

WHEREAS, Billy Walker 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Billy Walker, 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. Walker.

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