

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 810

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Johnny Warren Garner of Finger.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Johnny Warren Garner; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Garner was an exemplary county commissioner and a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on April 13, 1953, to Warren G. Garner and Bessie Faye Archer Garner, Mr. Garner was raised in Henderson and spent much of his life there, attending Old Friendship School and East Chester Elementary and graduating from Chester County High School in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garner was employed at Kolpak in Bethel Springs, and he worked in construction with his father-in-law, William Mitchell, before entering public service as Chester County court clerk in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garner earned the respect of his colleagues and community alike for the exemplary quality of his work, serving seven full terms as county clerk and amassing years of experience that led to his election as county commissioner, in which position he served until his death; and

WHEREAS, outside of his work, Mr. Garner followed various hobbies and passions; a dedicated farmer throughout his life, he raised soybeans, hogs, and watermelons, the last of which became a familiar favorite among his community, and he remained a lover of the outdoors who devoted much of his time to deer hunting, duck hunting, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garner was an active and devout member of the Henderson Church of Christ and was additionally affiliated with the Republican Party Executive Committee, which he served for many years; 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, Johnny Garner is survived by his wife, Carolyn Mitchell Garner; his son Blake (Amber) Garner; his daughter Dina (Alan) Garner McCorkle; and his grandchildren, Callan McCorkle and Amelia Guthrie; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Garner 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 Johnny Warren Garner, 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. Garner.

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.

