

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 861

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Wayne King of Scott County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Wayne King of Scott County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. King 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, Wayne King was born to Herb and Faye King in the Pine Hill community east of Oneida, and his later life in Scott County found him to be a pillar of faith and kindness to the people around him; and

WHEREAS, in every aspect of his life, Mr. King continued to prove himself a leader who created connections not only as a community head but also as a business manager, a nonprofit director, and a teacher; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to the service of Scott County specifically was prevalent; he ran for county mayor in 2014, served as president of the Scott County Chamber of Commerce, and had the honor of being named the *Independent Herald*/Scott County Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year in 2023; and

WHEREAS, ever-productive and devoted, Mr. King also brought joy to his community in the form of opening and running Baby J's Pizza, a restaurant now entrusted to his daughter, Tara Brewster; and

WHEREAS, some of Mr. King's other personal accomplishments included his service in the Navy from 1982-1986, his work with at-risk youth, his entrepreneurship as the founder of

High 5 Solutions and Intervention Academy, and his career at Big South Fork Medical Center;
and

WHEREAS, his religious devotion was one of the strongest and most important aspects of his life, and his faith guided him into the ministry in 1989, which resulted in his service as pastor at New Salem United Baptist Church for twenty-three years; he held a deep trust in God that he said brought him peace and comfort through any adversity; and

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

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his beloved wife, Kim King, for more than forty-three years and is also survived by his three adult children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. King 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 Wayne King, 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. King.

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.