

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 864

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Henry Lloyd Wattenbarger of Kingston.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Henry Lloyd Wattenbarger; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Wattenbarger 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, a native of Kingston, Mr. Wattenbarger graduated in the top three of his class at Roane County High School in 1963 and was a Phi Kappa Phi graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in education; and

WHEREAS, during college, he studied abroad at the Universidad de Las Americas in Mexico City, Mexico, where he lived with the Tovar family; he also participated in a summer-term Lion's International Exchange Program in Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Lloyd Wattenbarger began his thirty-three-year career as a language teacher at Oak Ridge High School (ORHS), inspiring Spanish and French students to reach their academic potential while developing an appreciation of language arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, Jackie, who was a physics teacher at ORHS, sponsored the Masquer's Club student play productions for twenty-five years, with Mr. Wattenbarger serving as overall director, while Mrs. Wattenbarger led the technical crew and set design; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Wattenbarger also served as a Student Council advisor and sponsored Ski Club, Bridge Club, and several international summer student group excursions, in addition to chaperoning student delegations to the annual North American Invitational Model

United Nations competition in Washington, D.C., and serving as chairman of the Foreign Language Department at ORHS; and

WHEREAS, his devotion to his profession and his students was unmatched; upon his retirement from education, he worked as a travel agent for Polaris Travel, continuing to instill in others a love of travel that he himself possessed, having visited 179 countries during his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, a devout man of God, Lloyd Wattenbarger was a member of First Baptist Church, Kingston, and adhered to the motto "Live by faith, not fear"; and

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

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his beloved wife, Jacquelyn "Jackie" Jacoby; sisters, Marjorie (Ronnie) Phillips and AnnSue Wattenbarger; nephews, Dr. Darryl (Jennifer) Phillips and Dr. Jason (Kathryn) Phillips and his sons, Landon, Britton, and Cameron; and sister-in-law, Margie (Barry) Hanson, and her children, Cheri Blodgett, Monty (Gloria) Smith, Misty (Scott) Vogtritter, and Scott (Melissa) Hanson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wattenbarger was preceded in death by his parents, Christine and Henry Doyle Wattenbarger, and his brother-in-law, John Gibi; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Wattenbarger 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 Henry Lloyd Wattenbarger,

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. Wattenbarger.

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.