

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 889

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Reverend Larry Woods of Kingston.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Reverend Larry Woods; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Woods was an exemplary pastor, public servant, and veteran who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born to Leander Woods, Sr., and Mae Katherine Woods on June 2, 1947, Reverend Woods was raised to be thoughtful with his words, speaking with sincerity and wisdom and always uplifting his community; during his time as a pastor, he let his relationship with God shape how he lived and led others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, he was deeply proud of his service in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War as a staff sergeant in charge of aircraft maintenance, and he spent over forty years as an instrument mechanic with K-25, Y-12, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory before his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Woods 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 wife of fifty-one years, Joyce Woods, and was the proud father of Byron (Ashley) Woods; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and children, Mr. Woods is survived by his brother, Leander Jr. (Brenda) Woods; sister, Marilyn Woods; uncles, Booker T. (Elizabeth) Woods, Chansel Woods, and Howard (Estella) Woods; sisters-in-law, Deborah Carpenter, Beverly Kline, Trish (Hank) Eldridge, and Pam (Bronce) Cleveland; brother-in-law, James (Suzanne) Kline; a

host of nieces and nephews; his four beloved great-nieces, Serenity, Samiyah, Emma Karter, and Emory; and his devoted and lifelong friends, Reverend Lionel Moore and Bill Moore; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Danny Mitchell Woods; and father- and mother-in-law, Reverend James Sr., and Emma Kline; and

WHEREAS, he will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by the congregation of his church, Speights Chapel AME Zion Church in Rockwood; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Woods 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 Reverend Larry Woods, 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 Reverend Woods.

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.