

SENATE RESOLUTION 18

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Robert Endress of Oakland.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Robert Endress; and

WHEREAS, James Endress 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, born May 31, 1934, to James Abner Endress and Clara Evelyn Durham Endress, Mr. Endress was a graduate of Bartlett High School. After graduation, he served in the United States Marines with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, after his service in the Marines, James Endress was employed as a manager at Browning Ferris Industries, where he worked with acumen and alacrity until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Endress enjoyed a variety of hobbies, including reading, being outdoors, gardening, woodworking, playing country and gospel music, and spending time with family and friends. He also played the keyboard and guitar with many bands from Fayette, Hardeman, and Shelby counties; and

WHEREAS, James Endress was an active and devout member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as an assistant pianist; and

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

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Bronda Jane Steen Endress; daughter, Wanda Trieschman; two sons, James G. Endress and Robert W. Endress; twelve

grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Karl Russell Endress; and

WHEREAS, James Robert Endress 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, that we honor the memory of James Robert Endress, 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. Endress.

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