

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1034

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Fields  
Alexander, Jr. of Franklin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. William Fields Alexander, Jr., a retired transportation executive who was also the patriarch of a large and loving family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously in support of the Republican Party, as well as several civic and military organizations; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lawrenceburg, Mr. Alexander was a man of true Christian belief, and he belonged to the First Methodist Church of Lawrenceburg; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Columbia Military Academy (CMA), Mr. Alexander furthered his education at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and participated in the ROTC program, ; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from college, he proudly served his country as a Specialist in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, upon completing his military service, Mr. Alexander began his illustrious career in the transportation industry with Super Service Motor Freight in 1959; and

WHEREAS, overall, Mr. Alexander worked forty years in the transportation industry and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, employees, and clients alike through his ability and integrity in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander served with distinction as an executive with Time Inc. and Roadway Express and as President and Principal of Goggin Truck Line of Shelbyville and S&W Freight of Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, after selling his interest in the latter two companies, he concluded his exemplary career with Humboldt Express of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, he also contributed significantly to his profession as a member of Nu Alpha Transportation Fraternity and the Nashville Traffic and Transportation Club; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his membership in and stalwart support of the Republican Party, Mr. Alexander exercised his civic responsibilities as a board member of the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation and as a member of the American Legion and Rotary International; and

WHEREAS, an avid historian and genealogist, Mr. Alexander was a member of the Tennessee Historical Society, and the Lawrence County, Williamson County, and Bedford County Historical Societies; a charter member of the Lawrence County, Williamson County, and Rutherford County chapters of the Sons of American Revolution; and a member of Clan MacBean and the Alexander Scottish Sept; he was also one of the founders of the Alexander Family Genealogical Society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander was truly a Renaissance man, possessing many and varied interests; an ardent supporter of University of Tennessee athletics, he was also an expert on antiques and was especially interested in early Tennessee period pieces and Coca-Cola memorabilia; and

WHEREAS, he was a lifelong outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander is survived by his loving wife of forty-eight years, Helen Davis Alexander; his children, William Fields Alexander III, and wife, Margaret, Molly Alexander Mahoney, and husband, Scott, and Philip Davis Alexander, and wife, Shannon; his sister, Ann Kendall Alexander Forsythe, and husband, Don; and his grandchildren, to whom he was devoted, Elizabeth Burns Alexander, Davis McBane Alexander, Katherine Davis Alexander, Helen Louise Alexander, Alexander Colleen Mahoney, William Sean Mahoney, Mary Katherine Mahoney, Megan McBane Mahoney, Henry Fields Alexander, Margaret MacBean Alexander, William Keller Alexander, Patrick Cleburne Alexander, Mary MacAlister Alexander, and Bernadette Blue Alexander; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his mother, Irene McBane Alexander, and his father, William Fields Alexander, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, men of William Fields Alexander, Jr.'s prominence do not often walk among us, and it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional transportation professional, public servant, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William Fields Alexander, Jr. of Franklin, reflecting fondly upon his outstanding reputation in business and his many good works as a civic-minded citizen, but more importantly, his indelible legacy as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and family man.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Alexander.

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