

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 33

By Hall

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles M. McKenzie of Cleveland.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles M. McKenzie; and

WHEREAS, Charles M. "Charlie" McKenzie 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 lifelong resident of Cleveland, Mr. McKenzie was a graduate of Cleveland High School and a member of the Church of God by faith; and

WHEREAS, for almost four decades, Charlie McKenzie served as a bus driver for Bradley County Schools and owned and operated Furniture Warehouse; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKenzie was a highly respected law enforcement official who served as constable for twelve years, a City of Cleveland police officer for three years, and a Bradley County sheriff's deputy; and

WHEREAS, Charlie McKenzie represented the citizens of District 1 on the Cleveland City Council and was known for his service to others, his kindness, and his dedication to his community; and

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

WHEREAS, Charlie McKenzie enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of twenty years, Marsha Renee McKenzie; he was the proud father of Steve (Melanie) Murray and the devoted grandfather of J.D. Murray, Kiersten (Andrey) Belyy, and Miranda Goff, and he was eagerly awaiting the birth of his great-granddaughter, Esther Belyy; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Kermit and Icye McKenzie; his brother; his grandparents, Elisha and Sally Green McKenzie and William and Mattie Black Mason; and his special friend, John Edgar Brown; and

WHEREAS, Charlie McKenzie 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charles M. McKenzie, 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. McKenzie.

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.