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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 65

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Brother Austin Lee Flowers of Byrdstown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Brother Austin Lee Flowers; and

WHEREAS, Brother Austin Flowers 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 in Byrdstown on March 14, 1947, Brother Flowers was the son of the late Roy Printis Flowers and Doxie Mae Amonett Flowers; and

WHEREAS, throughout his working years, Brother Austin Flowers served as a minister, farmer, school bus driver, and furniture store manager; and

WHEREAS, Brother Flowers was an active and devout member of Oak Grove Community Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Brother Austin Flowers enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Gertrude Sylvia Conaster Flowers, and was the proud father of Jeffery (Susan) Flowers and Wendel (Jennifer) Flowers; he will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren, Samantha Brooke Flowers, Andrew Flowers, and Owen Flowers; his niece, Belinda (Mark) Scarce; his great-nephew, Tyler Scarce; and a host of family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son; his brother, Denver Flowers; and his sister, Florence Neal; and

WHEREAS, Brother Flowers 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Brother Austin Lee Flowers, 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 Brother Flowers.

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