

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 115

By Hulsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Wesley Buckles, Jr., of Kingsport.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Wesley Buckles, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, John Buckles 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, the son of Freda and John W. Buckles, Sr., Mr. Buckles was born in Johnson City on November 3, 1948, and grew up in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Dobyns-Bennett High School in 1968 and attended East Tennessee State University, where he met his wife and received his degree in marketing; and

WHEREAS, for thirteen years, John Buckles worked in the home office of Lowe's Company in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, first as a purchasing agent and later as the vice president of marketing; he returned to Kingsport in 1986 and joined his father in the family business, John Buckles & Sons. He later took the helm and renamed the business Marketing Consulting Services; and

WHEREAS, his businesses also included Buckles Allstate Insurance, a Johnson City subdivision, and a number of real estate ventures; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buckles gave back to his community through his generous support of a number of local charitable organizations; he served on the board of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kingsport for a number of years and served as its president for two terms, and he was a member of the Foundation Board until his passing; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, John Buckles was the recipient of the Man and Youth Award from the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buckles was an active and devout member of First Presbyterian Church in Kingsport, which he served faithfully for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, John Buckles 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, Linda L. Doherty, and he was the proud father of Jacqueline; and

WHEREAS, John Buckles 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 John Wesley Buckles, Jr., 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. Buckles.

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