

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 122

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles Thomas Tomlinson of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles Thomas Tomlinson, a dedicated law enforcement professional who protected and served his community for forty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tomlinson served as chief of the Lebanon Police Department in the 1990s and retired from the department in 2003 at the rank of assistant chief; and

WHEREAS, nicknamed "Killer" by his colleagues, he had also served as chief deputy for the Wilson County Sheriff's Department, and after his retirement he worked part time as a court officer for the sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Chief Tomlinson was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church; and

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

WHEREAS, Charles Tomlinson is survived by his beloved wife of forty-eight years, Joyce Tisdale Tomlinson; daughter and son-in-law, Alyson and Geoff Atchley; cherished only grandchild and treasured namesake, Charley Atchley; mother, Aline Tomlinson; mother-in-law, Ruby Tisdale; brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Sharon Tomlinson; sisters and brother-in-law, Jewell and Dave Annable and Fran Planicka; nieces and nephews, Jill and Robert Crouch and family, John Annable, Tim Planicka, Amy Tomlinson, Macie Tomlinson, and Gavin Tomlinson; and special relatives, Brandi, Eugene, and Lauren McGee; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father, Ewing Tomlinson; aunt, Viola Smith; father-in-law, Hershel Tisdale; brother-in-law, Wayne Tisdale; and nephew, Clint Tomlinson; and

WHEREAS, Chief Tomlinson 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 this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charles Thomas Tomlinson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and his exemplary career as a law enforcement officer and administrator.

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

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