

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 139

By Powell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Samuel W.  
Bartholomew, Jr., of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Samuel W. Bartholomew, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Sam Bartholomew 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 prominent member of Nashville's legal community, Mr. Bartholomew was a founder of the law firm Stokes Bartholomew; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartholomew was raised in Kingsport, where he attended Dobyns-Bennett High School and was an All-State running back and a member of two state champion football teams before enrolling in the United States Military Academy; and

WHEREAS, at West Point, he served as captain of the Army football team and had the honor of holding that position when the Cadets played in Neyland Stadium in Knoxville for the first time in school history in 1965; he also served as a Cadet Captain, a battalion commander, and an assistant football coach after graduation; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished military career with the United States Army, Mr. Bartholomew completed Airborne School and Ranger School and was commissioned as an armored cavalry officer; he saw duty as an Airborne Ranger officer with the Armored Cavalry Squadron in Vietnam (1968-1969) and served additional tours of duty in Europe and Panama; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Bartholomew graduated from Vanderbilt Law School in 1973, while he was a member of the Order of the Coif; he went on to teach as a respected legal scholar at Vanderbilt from 1974 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, he founded the law firm Stokes Bartholomew in Nashville, which provided legal services in a number of areas, including corporate, health care, government relations, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the firm grew to include the Memphis-based law firm Evans & Petree (2000) and Nashville-based tax law specialists Holton Goodman & Blackstone (2001) before joining forces with the regional firm Adams and Reese (2005); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartholomew was a member of the board of the Tennessee Housing Development Agency and Tennessee Tomorrow, Inc., a trustee of the Tennessee Technology Foundation, chairman of the Nashville Business Incubation Center, and the director-general of the first Tennessee Trade Mission to France; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartholomew was appointed to the board of directors of the Federal National Mortgage Association by President Ronald Reagan in 1984 and was also appointed to serve as a federal land commissioner by the U.S. District Court; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Sam Bartholomew served as chairman of Tennessee Reagan-Bush in 1984 and was co-chair of Senator Lamar Alexander's campaign in 2002; and

WHEREAS, an avid supporter of athletic competition, Mr. Bartholomew played an integral role in the effort to sell suites for the new Tennessee Titans football stadium, was a founding member and director of the Nashville Sports Council and the Music City Bowl, and served as a member of the executive committee of the Tennessee NFL Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was also a member of the boards of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame/Middle Tennessee Chapter, the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, the YMCA, and the Tennessee Police Athletic League; and

WHEREAS, active with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes throughout his life, Mr. Bartholomew was chairman of the 1996 Tennessee U.S. Olympic Committee and a founder of the Golf Club of Tennessee, and he helped form the Nashville Rugby Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Bartholomew was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 2009, received the Governor's Outstanding Tennessean

Award in recognition of his service as chairman of the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program in 1984, and was named Father of the Year by the National Diabetes Association in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartholomew 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, Vicki Hurd Bartholomew, and was the proud father of four children, Bo, Anne, Will, and Ben; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartholomew 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 Samuel W. Bartholomew, 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. Bartholomew.

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