

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 275

By Butler

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Colonel Patrick "Rage" Ragan, United States Air Force (Ret.).

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2021, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Colonel Patrick "Rage" Ragan, United States Air Force (Ret.), after his heroic two-year battle with glioblastoma brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, most appropriately, Colonel Ragan was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery on January 23, 2023, with full military honors in recognition of his distinguished service to his country; and

WHEREAS, born in Wichita Falls, Texas, on December 31, 1976, Patrick Ragan was the son of our colleague Representative John Ragan and his wife, Elizabeth Ragan; and

WHEREAS, following in his father's footsteps in service to his country, Colonel Patrick "Rage" Ragan proudly served in the United States Air Force as a fighter pilot, flying F-16s, and continued his love of flying in civilian life as a pilot for Delta Air Lines, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Ragan was a graduate of the University of Tennessee and held a master's degree in aeronautical science; and

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

WHEREAS, a devoted husband and father, Colonel Ragan enjoyed the love and support of his wife of fifteen years, Rachael Weller Ragan, and their two daughters, Rowan and Liliana; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he is also survived by his sister, Amanda Ragan, a beloved nephew, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Patrick Ragan 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 life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Colonel Patrick "Rage" Ragan, United States Air Force (Ret.), 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 Colonel Ragan.

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.