

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 307

By Powell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Durward Gordon Hall of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Durward Gordon Hall; and

WHEREAS, Durward Hall 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, Mr. Hall served with acumen and alacrity on the Metropolitan Council of Nashville and Davidson County, representing the Hickory Hollow area from 1987-1995; during his tenure, he was well respected by his fellow council members and the citizens he so ably represented; and

WHEREAS, born on September 28, 1939, in Tullahoma, Durward Hall was the son of Durward and Mildred Hall; he graduated from Antioch High School in Davidson County, where he lived most of his life and raised his family; and

WHEREAS, after high school, Mr. Hall embarked upon a twenty-four-year professional career with K.J. Quinn Chemical Company; he also served for six years in the Tennessee Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his noteworthy tenure with the Metro Council, during which time he chaired the Public Works Committee, took a keen interest in recycling and landfill policies, and was instrumental in the addition of Metro Police's South Precinct in Antioch, Durward Hall served as president of both Jr. Pro Football and Bass Masters, as a Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association football referee, and as a basketball and football coach for area youth teams; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall was an active and devout member of Arlington United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a trustee; and

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

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Gayle Pratt Hall; daughter, Dayron Byrd; son, Daron Hall, who currently serves as sheriff of Davidson County; grandchildren, Brandon Byrd, BreAnna Neal, Dylan Hall, and Weston Hall; brother, Joe Hall; nephews, Trace Hall, Chad Hall, and Phil Hall; nieces, Vicky Hope, Kim Johnson, and Beth Hall; and a host of other family and friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Phil Hall; and

WHEREAS, Durward Hall 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 Durward Gordon Hall, 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. Hall.

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