

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 860

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James C. "Buddy" Allen of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James C. "Buddy" Allen; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Allen 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, born in Maryville on December 10, 1939, Mr. Allen was the son of the late Frances Badgett Allen and Jimmy Allen; he attended Maryville High School and was voted "most dependable," graduating in 1958 as the class president; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from East Tennessee State University, spending weekends and summers working at the City of Maryville Police Department all through college before graduating in 1963 and marrying his wife, Ann, in 1964; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in the United States Army as a Signal Officer in Fort Hood, Texas, and remained in that position for some time until he returned to Maryville to serve on the police force and later work for the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA); once he retired from ALCOA, he became a Sheriff's Deputy in Blount County and continued training at police academies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen was also an accomplished community servant and could often be found at Fairview Church with the Sparkplug Sunday School class or with the Maryville-Alcoa Jaycees; he also worked with the Maryville Housing Authority and was a member of the Maryville City Schools Board of Education for over twelve years; and

WHEREAS, as a supporter of the local youth programs and a participant in the Community Food Connection, Mr. Allen portrayed such a dedicated example of community service that he was honored as the Kiwanian of the Year in 2012 by the Maryville Kiwanis; and

WHEREAS, outside of his professional career, he enjoyed a variety of hobbies and service work, but he always found the most happiness in his interactions with his children and grandchildren; he was known for his endless capacity for kindness and compassion and his deep love of banana pudding; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty years, Ann Turner Allen, and was the proud father of Terina (Gordon) Bryant, David (Amy) Allen, and Mike (Leeann) Shelton, as well as the devoted grandfather of Elizabeth Stewart, Caleb Shelton, and Isabel, Mia, and J.T. Allen; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by his siblings, Bob Allen and Martha (Karen Flathe) Allen, and family friends, Matt Hearon and Lee Cross, in addition to many cousins, two nieces, and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Mr. Allen was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lon and Frankie McNutt Badgett and Jim and Fawn Allen; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Allen 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James C. "Buddy" Allen, 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. Allen.

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.