

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1018

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Byron Justin Parrott of Cookeville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Byron Justin Parrott, who had pledged to protect and serve his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, a 1999 graduate of Cookeville High School, Mr. Parrott pursued his dream of working in law enforcement by taking criminal justice classes; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Justin Parrott began his career as a correctional officer with the Tennessee Department of Correction and later served as a deputy with the White County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, after returning to the Tennessee Department of Correction, Mr. Parrott suffered a work-related injury that forced him to take an early retirement; and

WHEREAS, Justin Parrott loved spending time with his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, and he fervently supported the University of Tennessee Volunteers and the Atlanta Braves; and

WHEREAS, as a young boy, Mr. Parrott wanted to be Superman, and he was able to achieve this goal by donating his organs, a decision that saved three lives; and

WHEREAS, Justin Parrott is survived by his wife of nearly fifteen years, Hope Parrott; mother, Faye Parrott; daughters, Cara Downer and Rae Ann Henry; son, Noah Henry; sister, Melissa Woodman; brothers, Mike Isabell, John Bryant, and Thomas Kiaser; and grandchildren, Abel, Maggie, Alayna, Jackson, and the one he will hold first; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his son-in-law, Dakota Donner; brothers-in-law, Harvey Woodman and Eddie Walters; sister-in-law, Jessica Walters; aunts and uncles, Barbara and John Brown, Linda Bush, Kay and Diane Hensley, Nancy and Bill Collier, and Becky and Trigg Threet; nieces and nephews, Loryn and Steven Negron, Jason Coleman, Clairra Carmax,

Ryan Coleman, Rayna Woodman, Trey Woodman, Jade Young, Alaina Kiaser, Hailey Walters, and George James; a host of cousins and their spouses; Angela Kicklighter; and Casey Harris; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father, Hullett Byron Parrott, Jr.; paternal grandparents, Hullett Byron Parrott, Sr., and Lou Viney Parrott; brother, Keith James; a grandchild; uncle, Wendell Bush; cousin, Marcus Bush; aunts, Mary Lynne and Betty Parrott; nephew, Gunner Wolfe; niece, Reagan Isabella; maternal grandfather, Winnell Jackson; maternal grandparents, Eva and Dallas Jackson; and fathers-in-law, Joseph Rodgers and David Walters; and

WHEREAS, Justin Parrott leaves behind an indelible legacy of 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 memorialize his bountiful life; 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 Byron Justin Parrott, even as we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to his family and many friends.

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.