

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1045

By Daniel

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ralph Gale Huneycutt, Jr., of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Ralph Gale Huneycutt, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Gale Huneycutt 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, Gale Huneycutt was born on July 11, 1963, in Knoxville; he graduated from Farragut High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and a Master of Accountancy degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Huneycutt was a recognized businessman in restaurant operations, banking, and real estate; he served as a public accountant, vice president of AMI Capital, and chair of the audit committee for American Trust; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, he became the chair and chief executive officer of American Trust Bank of East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the Knoxville community, Gale Huneycutt was active with Leadership Knoxville, and he served on the East Tennessee Children's Hospital board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Honeycutt was an owner of Puleo's Grille restaurants, Nama's restaurants, and the Harvest restaurant; in 2018, Mr. Honeycutt opened Myrtle's Chicken and Beer in downtown Knoxville; after the success of the downtown location, a second location was added in West Knoxville on October 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Huneycutt was an active member of Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon and an elder; and

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

WHEREAS, he will be lovingly remembered by his wife of thirty-three years, Julie Lawrence Huneycutt; his daughters, Chandler, Sydney, and Taylor; his mother, Nancy Overton Weigel; his sisters, Nan F. Sweitzer and Debbie F. Lauria; and a host of extended family and friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Gale Huneycutt, Sr., and his stepfather, Harmon Kreis Weigel, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Gale Huneycutt 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 we 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 Ralph Gale Huneycutt, 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. Huneycutt.

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.