

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1045

By McKenzie

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Michael "Mike" Lamar Foxx of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Michael "Mike" Lamar Foxx; and

WHEREAS, Mike Foxx 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 Knoxville on May 29, 1959, to Vernetta and Leonard Foxx, Sr., Mike Foxx grew up in the Lonsdale community; and

WHEREAS, a member of Rule High School's graduating class of 1977, Mr. Foxx later graduated from Alabama A&M University in 1982; and

WHEREAS, during his time at Alabama A&M University, Mike Foxx's outstanding football performance as an offensive tackle led to his induction into the Alabama A&M University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2010; and

WHEREAS, his passion for assisting and mentoring youth was evidenced by his many years of service as an educator for Knox County Schools and several years of coaching youth football for Knoxville's Community Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foxx was equally devoted to his beloved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, where he pledged the Iota Alpha Chapter in 1992; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as the "Luther Vandross" of Knoxville, Mike Foxx loved to share his vocal talents through a myriad of venues, including the United Fellowship Mass Choir and the Men's Choir at Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church; and

WHEREAS, he was also an inaugural member of the Crusaders Group at Clinton Chapel and enjoyed spending time playing golf with his friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foxx's family was the cornerstone of his life, and he married the love of his life, Marla Jones, on May 9, 1992; the couple welcomed their daughter, Madelyn, into the world in 2005; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife, Marla Foxx; daughter, Madelyn; brothers, Frank Foxx and Eric (Sheri) Foxx; uncle, Stroddy Curry; aunts, Sandra Curry and Mildred (Larry) Anthony; sister-in-law, Melanie (Emanuel) Dixson; nephews, Anthony Smith and Dwayne (Alicia) Cotner; nieces, Imani Allen and Dedra Cotner; and a host of loving relatives and friends; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Foxx 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 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Michael "Mike" Lamar Foxx, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his contributions to the people of Tennessee, 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. Foxx.

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.