

HOUSE RESOLUTION 177

By Hardaway

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lonnie Neely, Jr., of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Lonnie Neely, Jr., of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neely 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 on January 28, 1939, Lonnie Neely was a vital member of the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, a 1957 graduate of Douglass High School, he thereafter attended the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff and, later, Trevecca Nazarene College, where he earned his master's degree in education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neely answered his country's call to serve and did so valiantly, inducted into the United States Army while teaching at Shadowlawn School in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Neely later taught at Memphis City Schools, serving as the music and band teacher; he retired years later as a teacher at Hillcrest High School; and

WHEREAS, a positive influence on innumerable lives, Mr. Neely was wholly devoted to his students; and

WHEREAS, although Mr. Neely was an accomplished man, his greatest love was his family; he is survived by his daughters, Andrea M. Neely and Adrienne M. Neely, and his granddaughter, Adriana Neely Mitchell—whom he adored and talked to every day and who called him "Poppie"; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Neely was a true example of a father, grandfather, and friend; he was a blessing to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neely leaves behind a 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 legislative body 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Lonnie Neely, 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. Neely.

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