

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles E. McNeeley of LaFollette.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles E. McNeeley; and

WHEREAS, Charles McNeeley 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, the son of Clyde H. McNeeley and Josie P. McNeeley, Mr. McNeeley was a 1970 graduate of LaFollette High School; he honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Charles McNeeley attended Roane State Community College and was an honor graduate of the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science, serving as chair of the student council and receiving the Scholastic Achievement Award; he was also recognized as a Kentucky Colonel; and

WHEREAS, a licensed funeral director, embalmer, and manager, Mr. McNeeley owned and operated Walters Funeral Home in LaFollette with his wife, Debbie; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Tennessee Funeral Directors Association, Greater Knoxville Funeral Services Associates, Tennessee Academy of Graduate Embalmers, Pi Sigma Eta National Morticians Fraternity, and the British Institute of Embalmers; and

WHEREAS, the charter president of the Campbell County Lions Club, Charles McNeeley served on the board of the Campbell County Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Campbell County Cancer Association and the Campbell County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, he was a member of the Campbell County Masonic Lodge #778 Free and Accepted Masons, Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies, and Campbell County Scottish Rite Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeeley evinced his devout religious faith as a charter member of New Horizon Baptist Church, which he served as deacon, organist, and assistant pianist; he loved gospel music, and he played the keyboard in Different Way Quartet and Soul Desire Quartet and sang with Miracles of Grace; and

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

WHEREAS, Charles McNeeley enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Debra Kay Hobbs McNeeley; he was the proud father of John Charles (Tegan) McNeeley and Brent Tyler (Ashlie) McNeeley and the devoted grandfather of John Connor McNeeley and Ava Claire McNeeley; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by his mother; his sister, Karen McNeeley (Chris) Brown; his brothers, Kenneth (Sheila) McNeeley and William P. McNeeley; his sister-in-law, Doris Hobbs (Randall) Fields; his niece, Kendra McNeeley; his nephews, Derek (Jessica) McNeeley, Cory McNeeley, Tyler Johnson, Adam Johnson, and Stephen (Holly) Fields; his aunts, Della Summers and Lois Goins; his uncles, Calvin Wilson and Joe Wilson; and a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeeley was preceded in death by his father; his grandparents, William R. Paul, Cora Paul, Bill McNeeley, and Sally McNeeley; his brother-in-law, Gene Hobbs; and two nephews and a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Charles McNeeley 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charles E. McNeeley, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction. We express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. McNeeley.

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