

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jerry Hollis Duncan of Springfield.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Jerry Hollis Duncan of Springfield; and

WHEREAS, born on February 9, 1959, in Robertson County, Jerry Duncan was the son of the late Hollis and Edna Holthouser Duncan; and

WHEREAS, a stellar student athlete who lettered in both football and baseball, Mr. Duncan graduated from Springfield High School in 1977; he went on to attend Tennessee Technological University (TTU), where he played baseball and graduated with a business degree; and

WHEREAS, while attending TTU, Jerry Duncan met the love of his life, Lisa Ward, whom he would marry and who would remain his best friend and companion for over thirty-six years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duncan was co-owner of Lee's Home Center in Springfield; he was an honest, fair-minded, hard-working business proprietor and partner whose work ethic and friendship were appreciated by everyone who encountered him; and

WHEREAS, having participated in sports himself at both the high school and collegiate levels, Mr. Duncan knew the true impact that athletics can have on the lives of young people; he dedicated much of his time to helping facilitate youth sporting events; and

WHEREAS, for thirteen years, he officiated high school football, calling his first Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association state championship game in 2003; he umpired summer youth league baseball and softball for many years, and he served as a

nonfaculty assistant coach for three years alongside his daughter Katelyn, who was head softball coach at East Robertson Middle School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a proponent of youth sports, Jerry Duncan was a mentor and advocate for many young people in his community; he and his wife opened their home to their children's school friends and youth group, providing a safe environment in which they would play games, eat meals, share their problems, and have devotionals; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with his compassionate calling to help young people, Mr. Duncan was active with Open Door Pregnancy Center and TNKids Nutrition, serving on the board of both organizations; and

WHEREAS, for the past six years, Mr. Duncan had been a valued member of Main Street Church of Christ, serving as an elder and a beloved mentor to many; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Duncan is survived by his wife, Lisa; his son, Hunter Duncan, and Hunter's fiancé, Andrea Smith; his honorary son, Christopher Zubrod; his daughters, Katelyn (Seth) Doxey and Holli (Derek) Moore; and his granddaughter, Brooklynn Moore, who brought immense joy to his life during the brief four months they crossed paths in this world; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his sister, Glenda (Glen) Hall, and his nephews: Thomas Burney, Charlie Burney, David (Jaina) Hall, Damon (Rae) Hall, and Daryl (Lisa) Hall; and

WHEREAS, a man who lived by the Golden Rule and gave willingly of his time and talents, Jerry Duncan leaves behind an indelible legacy that will continue to inspire those who knew him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of Jerry Hollis Duncan and extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

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