

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Samuel Melvin Browder of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Samuel Melvin Browder; and

WHEREAS, Sam Browder was an exemplary gentleman and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in the Wheat community of Roane County on August 15, 1927, Sam Browder was the only child of Joe H. Browder and Lona McCall (McGarr); and

WHEREAS, at only seventeen years of age, Mr. Browder enlisted in the United States Navy and bravely served in the Pacific Theater during World War II; following the war, he was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, where he met Leinhard "Lynn" Matthes, the love of his life; he returned to Tennessee and was soon joined by Lynn, whom he married in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Sam Browder had an active and colorful career at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he majored in business and joined Pi Kappa Phi with his best friend and best man, Howard Baker; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation, Mr. Browder joined the family business, Harriman Oil Company, and due to his industrious leadership, the company grew to become one of the largest Shell Oil distributors in the nation; he was also involved in a number of other industries, including banking, automotive dealerships, real estate, and commercial development; and

WHEREAS, Sam Browder was a staunch proponent of education who enthusiastically supported his alma mater throughout his life and was instrumental in the founding of Roane State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Browder held his pilot's license for more than fifty years and was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman; he was forever proud of raising four Eagle Scouts with his wife and watching his sons grow up and have families of their own; and

WHEREAS, a member of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Sam Browder is survived by his sons, Samuel M. (Nancy) Browder, Jr., Joe H. (Mary Beth) Browder II, and John F. (Janene) Browder; his grandchildren, Jacqueline Chaffee, David Browder, Michael Browder, Laura Browder Krantz, Matthew Browder, Alex Browder, Cayman Browder, and Carly Browder; and his great-grandchildren, Caroline Chaffee and Alexandra Chaffee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Mr. Browder was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-five years, Leinhard "Lynn" Matthes Browder; his dear son, Carl M. Browder; his beloved stepmother, Ruth S. Browder; and his special aunt, Ruth Plyman; and

WHEREAS, Sam Browder 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Samuel Melvin Browder, 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. Browder.

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.