

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bill Marris of Rockwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bill Marris; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marris 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, Bill Marris was born in Loudon on February 11, 1954, to Edward and Daisy Marris; and

WHEREAS, a long-time substitute teacher for Roane County, he earned the respect and adoration of his students and colleagues alike through his dedication to teaching. Mr. Marris was a remarkable teacher who left a positive mark on every child that he talked to; he was Roane County's favorite substitute teacher, and every child he taught was considered one of his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, always community oriented, Mr. Marris served in various clubs and organizations, including the Lion's Club in Harriman, and he evinced his religious beliefs as a member of the Methodist faith; and

WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree in history and education from East Tennessee State University and held the rank of Eagle Scout; 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, Bill Marris is survived by his wife, Margaret Marris; his brother, John Marris; his brothers-in-law, Loyd Quick and Lary Quick; and all of his former students; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Eddie Paul Marrs;  
and

WHEREAS, Bill Marrs 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bill Marrs, 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. Marrs.

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.