

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 78

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Edward Lewis of Dayton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Edward Lewis of Dayton; and

WHEREAS, Jim Lewis 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, a longtime resident of Rhea County, Jim Lewis served with acumen and alacrity as a state trooper with the Tennessee Highway Patrol for thirty years before his retirement, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his community, Mr. Lewis rendered sterling service as a member of the Dayton City Council, the Dayton City School Board, and the Dayton Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Jim Lewis was a member of the Tennessee Highway Patrol Retired Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of Sale Creek First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years in numerous capacities; and

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

WHEREAS, Jim Lewis enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Joann Lewis, and was the proud father of Sherree (Greg) Travis, Jessica Randolph, and Peter (Tina) King, and the loving grandfather of seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his sister, Wilma Dodson, his nieces and nephews, and a host of extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was preceded in death by his parents, William Edward and Alice Lillian Buchanan Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Jim Lewis 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 James Edward Lewis, 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. Lewis.

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.