

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 89

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ronnie Braden of Anderson County.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Braden 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, Ronnie Braden served with acumen and alacrity for more than thirty-six years as a volunteer firefighter, during which time he saved countless lives and dedicated his time and energy to serving those in need in Lake City and Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Braden was a founding member of the Medford Volunteer Fire Department and served as that organization's chief for ten years. His innate leadership abilities and comforting demeanor were a beacon to those he taught and those he aided; and

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

WHEREAS, Ronnie Braden enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Connie, and was the proud father of R.L. Braden and Anthony Braden, both of whom followed in their father's footsteps and now serve as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Braden 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 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ronnie Braden, 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. Braden.

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