

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 143

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bennie Douglas Floyd of Rogersville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bennie Douglas Floyd; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd 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, he served with acumen and alacrity for nearly twenty-four years as an alderman for the City of Rogersville, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and constituents alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity who embodied the best of his community, Mr. Floyd was taught the value of service to others by his late parents, Benjamin Frank Floyd and Tennie Gibson Floyd; and

WHEREAS, Bennie Floyd heroically and honorably served in the United States Navy during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in his community, Mr. Floyd committed his time and energies to the betterment of the City of Rogersville; first elected to the Rogersville Board of Mayor and Alderman in 1985, he was re-elected to stand as a trusted servant by the citizens of Rogersville five more times; and

WHEREAS, a consummate public servant, he dedicated his coveted leadership abilities to the welfare of the citizens of Rogersville while serving not only as an alderman, but also as a member of the Budget Finance Committee, the Rogersville Water Commission, and as the Alderman Liaison to the Rogersville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community who always worked to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens, Mr. Floyd volunteered in several civic and community organizations; he was a member of Overton Lodge, No. 5 in the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd was an active and devout member of First Christian Church of Rogersville, which he served faithfully as a deacon; 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, Mr. Floyd enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Ann Fleenor Floyd, who survives him; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and loving father and father-in-law of Betsy and Charlie Newton; his son, Bennie Douglas Floyd, Jr., died in infancy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd will also be sorely missed by his sister, Jane Burton; he was preceded in death by sisters Willie Mae Welch, Cornie Gladson, Sarah Jo Winstead, and an infant sister and by brothers Tom Floyd, Luther Floyd, Eldridge Floyd, and an infant brother; and

WHEREAS, his legacy will also be remembered by the citizens of Rogersville and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Bennie Douglas Floyd 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bennie Douglas Floyd, 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. Floyd.

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