

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 212

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James "Jim" Whitworth Pinkerton of Harriman.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James "Jim" Whitworth Pinkerton; and

WHEREAS, Jim Pinkerton 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, born in Nashville, Mr. Pinkerton spent his formative years in the Inglewood community; he attended Isaac Litton High School and, following graduation, attended Vanderbilt University, where he earned a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Civil Sanitary Engineering in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Jim Pinkerton began his career working for the Boeing Company, performing stress analyses on the Saturn V Launch Vehicle; in 1969, he became the State Hydrologist for Tennessee, in which capacity he served until 1973; and

WHEREAS, from 1973 through 1985, Mr. Pinkerton served as executive vice president and co-owner of Wayne L. Smith and Associates, Inc., of Knoxville; he was responsible for the complete operations of the company, and his projects included major water and wastewater facilities environmental impact statements, roads and highways, bridges, high-level radioactive water facilities, buildings, and industrial parks; and

WHEREAS, he worked for Citrus County, Florida, from 1985 through 1996, operating and managing the Department of Technical Services; as Citrus County Engineer, he directed the work of more than 100 employees and annually administered a \$33 million operating and capital improvements budget; and

WHEREAS, Jim Pinkerton returned home to Knoxville in 1996 and became the chief executive officer for Flynt Engineering Company, a firm with forty-five employees that provided civil engineering services to government and private-sector clients; values of constructed projects exceeded \$100 million, and under Mr. Pinkerton's leadership, the company increased revenue approximately twelve percent per year, maintained good profitability, and received the highest score of all engineering firms evaluated by the Tennessee Department of Transportation for 1999; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded and trusted leader in his community, Mr. Pinkerton became city manager of Kingston in 2001 and served in that position until he retired in 2016; during his fifteen-year tenure, he earned the respect of his colleagues and a grateful public alike for his dedication and acumen; he also served his community as chairman of the Michael Dunn Center Board of Directors and a member of the Harriman Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Jim Pinkerton was often recognized for his good work; he received the Engineer of the Year Award from the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers, the Engineer of the Year Award from the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents, and the Paul Harris Award from the Crystal River Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Mr. Pinkerton was a member of Kingston United Methodist Church, where he actively served as an usher; 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, Jim Pinkerton will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Wanda Pinkerton; his son, David (Denise) Angel; his daughter-in-law, Lisa (Eric) Daniel; his grandson, Jimmy Angel Beville; his granddaughters, Megan Angel and Kevanne Beville; his great-granddaughter, Blake Angel Beville; and his sisters-in-law, Betty Randell Reed and Gladys Dowden; and

WHEREAS, Jim Pinkerton 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James "Jim" Whitworth Pinkerton, 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. Pinkerton.

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