

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 500

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Carl Crutchfield of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Carl Crutchfield; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crutchfield 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 native of Lebanon, Carl Crutchfield was a man of integrity who embodied the best of his community, and his late parents, James and Hattie E. Humble Crutchfield, instilled in him at an early age a set of values and principals that led him throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, graduating from Wilson County Normal School in 1940, Mr. Crutchfield heroically and honorably served in the United States Army, and through hard work and dedication, he achieved the rank of Master Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, after being honorably discharged, he attended Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial College, earning both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as an instructor, Business Manager, and Dean of Admissions at Tennessee State University (TSU), in which positions he earned the admiration and respect of his students, peers, and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the employ of TSU in 1973, he worked as the Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner of the Tennessee Board of Education, exhibiting the utmost professionalism and integrity in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, later in his career, his singular skills and expertise were instrumental in his successful tenure as Program Director at Viacom Cablevision; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Crutchfield enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, M. Inez Crutchfield, for over sixty-five years; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and loving father of Carlton Gibbs and Maribeth Janet Crutchfield, and surrogate daughter, Mary Sue Gooding, and her husband, Edward; and

WHEREAS, his legacy will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren, Carl Steven, Chase Gibbs, and Chelsea Renee Inez Crutchfield; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his sister, Hattie M. Bryant, and his brothers, C. Sydney Crutchfield and Clarence Crutchfield; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his brothers Willie R. Crutchfield and Harry Crutchfield, and his sister, Margaret Ashworth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crutchfield's dry humor and quick wit will always be remembered by a host of family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Carl Crutchfield 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 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 Carl Crutchfield, 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. Crutchfield.

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