## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 514**

## By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Keith Fox, Sr., of Friendsville. Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it was with great sorrow that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our State learned of the passing of Keith Fox, Sr., a gentleman of great compassion and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox was one of the founding members of the Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department, bravely serving his community as firefighter for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Keith Fox, Sr., was described by fellow firefighters as "the type of person who would go headlong into the anything and do the dirtiest jobs," a willingness he demonstrated in the early years of the Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department when he repaired the fire trucks; and

WHEREAS, the Friendsville Volunteer Fire Chief praised Keith Fox, Sr's., commitment to helping those in need, referring to him as a "dedicated firefighter who gave it all he had"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox also served his community as a Friendsville city commissioner for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox was preceded in death by his children, Pearl Hackler, Sharon Christy, and Sheila Hensley; he will be sorely missed by his wife of sixty-four years, Betty M. Fox; children, Annie Lee, Keith Fox, Jr., Louise McGill, Joseph Fox, and Mitchell Fox; grandchildren, Tim Clark, Bobby Hensley, Michael Hensley, Christopher Baker and, Leonard McGill III; and great-grandchildren, Zackary Clark and Madaline McGill; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious life, Keith Fox, Sr., demonstrated the utmost integrity, compassion, and concern for others, winning the respect and admiration of all who had the opportunity to know him; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the exceptional life of Keith Fox, Sr., a laudable servant of the public safety; 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 Keith Fox, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to the citizens of Friendsville, Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Fox.

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