

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 528

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Reverend Doug Baker of Bolivar.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Reverend Doug Baker; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Baker 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 Halls on February 8, 1948, Reverend Baker was the son of James and Leota Pounds Baker; and

WHEREAS, he attended Bethel University and earned his bachelor's degree from Union University and his Master of Theology degree from Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Baker served with acumen and alacrity as a minister for more than fifty years; he served Parrans Chapel Baptist Church for twenty-nine years and was an interim minister at other congregations, including Saulsbury Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his passing, he was a member of Bolivar First Baptist Church, and he continued to serve churches in his community as a substitute pastor; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Baker was active in his community; he served as a councilman for the City of Bolivar, chaplain for the Tennessee Highway Patrol and the Bolivar Police Department, and second vice-president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and

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

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-seven years, Bettye L. Hooper Baker, and was the proud father of Amy (David) Hannis and Michael Baker; he will be

lovingly remembered by his brother, Lindell (Peggy) Baker; and his grandchildren, Ethan and Landon Hannis; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Jeff Baker; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Baker 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 Reverend Doug Baker, 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 Reverend Baker.

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