

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 560

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Reginald Roscoe Shanks of Cookeville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Reginald Roscoe Shanks; and

WHEREAS, Reginald Shanks 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 on July 8, 1932, to Euda Warren and Walter R. Shanks in Buffalo Valley, Mr. Shanks was a lifelong resident of Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, Reginald Shanks served with acumen and alacrity as a law enforcement officer, in which position he earned the respect of his peers, superiors, and community alike for the exemplary quality of his work. For thirty-five years, he served with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and retired as a police officer with the City of Cookeville; he was also Cookeville's first detective and the chief deputy sheriff under Sheriff Bill Bilyeu; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shanks was elected Putnam County commissioner and represented the 6<sup>th</sup> District for forty-eight years, a record-setting tenure that made him the longest serving county commissioner in Putnam County and the second-longest serving county commissioner in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shanks also served as a member of the Putnam County Fair Board for more than fifty years and rendered such stalwart service that the Fair Board honored him with a Lifetime Honorary Membership on the Board; and

WHEREAS, Reginald Shanks was an active and devout member of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church; in his early years, he attended the Denny Seminary Methodist Church, and he was later a member of the Park View Methodist Church; and

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

WHEREAS, Reginald Shanks enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Anelene Stout Shanks; the pair celebrated sixty-one years of blissful marriage before her untimely passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shanks will be fondly remembered by his family, including his daughters, Gina Hooper, Pam Thomas, and Penny Gilliam; his sons-in-law, Paul Hooper, Tim Thomas, and Brian Gilliam; his grandchildren, Chris Weber, Trina Allison, Johnnie Allison, Brandy Minnear, Brian Beechboard, Mark Thomas, Debbie Thomas, Austin Gilliam, and Jessica Gilliam; his great-grandchildren, Tristan, Stacy, Rookie, Cruz, Maddi, LeAnna, Caylee, and Kenzleigh; his extended family, Sara, Laura, Keynan, Kyara, Kayden, Casey, and Courtney; his siblings, Dorothy Fike and Robert A. Shanks; his sister-in-law, Wanda Stout Shanks; and a special friend of the family, Tyler Miller; and

WHEREAS, Reginald Shanks 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Reginald Roscoe Shanks, 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. Shanks.

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