

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 587

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles K. Evers of Nashville.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Evers 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, Charles Evers served with acumen and alacrity as chairman and president of American Bread Company of Alabama (Sunbeam Bakery), founded by his grandfather in 1889; he retired after fifty years of service in 2000, having expanded the company to four bakeries serving Tennessee, Kentucky, and Alabama; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin, he completed his undergraduate degree at Vanderbilt, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, became a pilot for the United States Air Force upon graduating from Class 54H, and later entered the High Photo Recon Flight School; and

WHEREAS, a loyal and patriotic serviceman, Mr. Evers was Wing Commander for the 118th Airlift Wing, Tennessee Air National Guard at Berry Hill and retired as a Major General of the Air National Guard, having logged 7,000 hours as a pilot, a service career characteristic of our State's celebrated tradition of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his role at Sunbeam, Charles Evers was the co-founder and board chairman of the Independence Trust Company in Franklin, board chairman of the Quality Bakers of America Cooperative of Greenwich, Connecticut, trustee for the National Guard Association Pension Fund in Washington, D.C., an elder of First Presbyterian Church in Nashville, and a member of the Downtown (Nashville) Kiwanis Club for forty-five years; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Forest Hills in Davidson County for forty-one years, Mr. Evers served on the Board of Commissioners in 1989, as Vice Mayor from 1990-1995, and as Mayor, in which capacity he worked tirelessly to improve the Forest Hills community and preserve its character; and

WHEREAS, he also volunteered his time through mentoring, counseling, and simply making quality time with countless individuals who will always treasure his advice and sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, remaining active throughout his life, Mr. Evers loved to travel, snow ski, and care for his cows on the farm, and closely followed Vanderbilt football and basketball as well as the Tennessee Titans; and

WHEREAS, a faithful and loving family man, Charles Evers was preceded in death by his parents, Beulah Dyer Evers and Bernard Evers, Sr.; his brother, Bernard Evers, Jr.; and his beloved wife of fifty-one years, Mary Jane Hibbett Evers; and

WHEREAS, his memory will be greatly cherished by his daughters, Linda Ann Evers and Mary Frances Evers; his sister, Martha Evers Templeton; and his generous caregivers, Vera Holland, Mike Sawyer, Wilma Gilcrease, and Angie Shelton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Evers 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 public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charles K. Evers, 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 Charles Evers.

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