

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 706

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Claude Smith "Buster" Harvey III.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Claude Smith "Buster" Harvey III, a native of Oliver Springs who owned a business and lived in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, while a student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), Mr. Harvey was very active in the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, and he remained close to his fraternity brothers until his death; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from UTK with a degree in business administration in 1982, Buster Harvey remained a "Vol for Life" and often cheered on his Volunteer teams in person at Neyland Stadium and Thompson-Boling Arena; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey was very involved in numerous civic activities, both in Oliver Springs and in Knoxville; he especially loved his work with the Oliver Springs Historical Society, because he was interested in sharing the genealogy and history of his hometown; and

WHEREAS, Buster Harvey was co-owner of Harvey's Furniture, where he worked his entire life, and he was often the first person to greet customers when they walked in the door; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey loved to travel and enjoyed taking his friends on tours of New York City to see the latest Broadway shows; he was renowned for his loving manner, kind smile, and generous heart and was truly a friend to all; and

WHEREAS, although a lifelong member of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, Mr. Harvey also worshipped with dear friends and relatives at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in Knoxville; and

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

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Claude Smith Harvey, Jr., and Jennie Maxine Brown Harvey; a nephew, Johnathan Gary Patterson; a great-niece, Brenna Joy Whedbee; and a great-nephew, Sullivan Thomas Rowe; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey is survived by his sisters, Claudia Maxine Harvey Patterson and Donna Maria Harvey Whedbee and husband, Joe; brother, John Thomas Harvey and wife, Donetta; nephews, Joseph Michael Whedbee and wife, Beth, and John Mark Whedbee and wife, Amanda; nieces, Jennie Shea Patterson Raper and husband, Kevin, Rebecca Ann Harvey Rowe and husband, Chris, and Katelyn Elizabeth Harvey; great nieces Claudia Sydney, Allison Grace, and Ava Kathryn; great-nephews Caden Michael, Parker Guy, Cole White, and Silas Gray; and countless cousins, honorary nieces and nephews, and close friends; and

WHEREAS, Buster Harvey 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 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 Claude Smith "Buster" Harvey III, reflecting fondly upon his acumen as a businessman, his enduring love for the Tennessee Volunteers, his legacy as a public servant and historian, and his compassion, empathy, and generosity as a friend and relative.

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

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