

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 729

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Miller "Bill" Vaughan of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William Miller "Bill" Vaughan; and

WHEREAS, Bill Vaughan 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, the son of the late Hugh and Esther Vaughan, Bill Vaughan was born on January 19, 1942; and

WHEREAS, a native of Jellico, Mr. Vaughan began his career as a copy boy at the *Knoxville Journal*, a job he balanced with his studies at the University of Tennessee; he went on to become a political reporter for the newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Bill Vaughan's work as a reporter covering the state legislature in Nashville fueled his fascination with politics; he later landed a job as press secretary for United States Representative Jimmy Quillen in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, following his return to Nashville, Mr. Vaughan was sought after for his political expertise; he served as state tourism director, assistant press secretary for former Governor Winfield Dunn, and press secretary for Dortch Oldham's gubernatorial campaign. He then took on a fifteen-year career as the Tennessee director of Facts about Coal, a coal lobbying group; and

WHEREAS, Bill Vaughan's experience as director of Facts about Coal served him greatly in his subsequent endeavor, partnering with his close friend and former co-reporter at

the *Knoxville Journal*, Ron McMahan, to establish the Nashville lobbying firm McMahan Vaughan in 1989; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his fulfilling career, Mr. Vaughan enjoyed leisure time tending his rose garden and playing golf at Holston Hills Country Club, where he was a member for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughan is survived by his wife and best friend of fifty-six years, Judy Vaughan; daughters, Liz Vaughan Ray, Mary (Paul) Phillips, Jennifer (Brian) Russell, and Leslie (Steve) Ressler; and grandchildren, Erica and Anna Ray, Colby Phillips, Molly and Ethan Russell, and Will and Aaron Ressler; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Hugh Vaughan, Jr., and sister, Emma Jo Salmon; and

WHEREAS, Bill Vaughan 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 we should 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 William Miller "Bill" Vaughan, 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. Vaughan.

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