

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 781

By Oliver

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Theron Ira Louis Lacy of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Theron Ira Louis Lacy; and

WHEREAS, Theron Lacy was an innately curious, keenly intelligent, and refreshingly insightful gentleman whose warm spirit and generous, loving heart was a blessing to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, born on May 17, 1973, to Ira and Sonja Taylor Lacy, Mr. Lacy was baptized during infancy at Seay-Hubbard United Methodist Church and graduated from Hillwood High School in 1992, thereafter attending Tennessee State University and Nashville State Community College; and

WHEREAS, a State employee for several years, Theron Lacy began working for the General Assembly in 1995; known as the "supply guy," he ensured that legislative member offices had all the supplies they required, and he often lent an ear and sage counsel to staff and legislators who stopped at his door; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lacy eventually transitioned to working with the Secretary of State's office, serving as records manager; it was while working in this capacity that he had a vision and ultimately took the leap to create a business in the service industry, starting his own private bartending service; and

WHEREAS, passionate about history and geography, Mr. Lacy enjoyed topographical maps, traveling, and sports; and

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

WHEREAS, Theron Lacy is survived by his beloved wife of seventeen years, Janice Adaeze Lacy; children, Dior Adanna Lacy and Atlas Theron Lacy; mother, Sonja (Will) Lewis; father, Ira (Landras) Lacy; grandmother, Mary Lacy; mother-in-law, Justina Okeke; aunts, Dr. Palmeda Taylor, Janice (Don) McKinney, and Anita Lacy; and great-aunt, Bessie Lee; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his sisters, LaTrese Lacy and Taylyn Lewis; brothers, Ira Lacy III and Desmond Lewis; sister-in-law, Jessica; cousins, Judy Francis, Dr. Aisha (Clayton) Samuels, Pamela (Darryl) Pugh, Rahman Pugh, Dominique Pugh, Brenda Taylor Singleton, and Michael Taylor; and a host of devoted friends and extended family members; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ira Lacy, Sr., Louis Taylor, and Peggie Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lacy 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Theron Ira Louis Lacy, 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. Lacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.