

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 813

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lieutenant Colonel Webb F. Banks U.S. Air Force (Ret.) of Brownsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Lieutenant Colonel Webb F. Banks, U.S. Air Force (Ret.); and

WHEREAS, Lt. Colonel Webb F. Banks 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, Lt. Colonel Banks was born on July 8, 1931, in Carnesville, Georgia, to John Patterson Banks and Sarah Azilee Dalrymple Banks; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the Vietnam War, Webb Banks honorably served his country for twenty-four years in the United States Air Force and retired from the military in 1977 with the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement from military service, Lt. Colonel Banks opened Railroad Salvage and operated it until 1994; he then was elected mayor of Brownsville and served four terms from 1994 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, during his tenure as mayor, Lt. Colonel Banks received the Tommie Goodwin Mayor of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, he further supported his community by serving on the board of directors for First South Bank from 1996 to 2015; and

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

WHEREAS, Webb Banks enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of twenty-seven years, Steva Barcroft Banks, and was the proud parent of six children, Tina Zammiello, John

Banks, Trudy Brewer, Toni Eubanks, Vince Austin, and Dana Elmendorf; he was also the loving grandparent of thirteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by his two brothers, Jack Banks and Pat Banks, and his cousin and business associate, Larry Banks; and

WHEREAS, Webb F. Banks 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lieutenant Colonel Webb F. Banks, 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 Lt. Colonel Banks.

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