

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 834

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Billy G. Kelley of
Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Commissioner and former Sheriff Billy G. Kelley; and

WHEREAS, Bill Kelley 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, born in Fayette County on March 11, 1942, Billy G. Kelley was the son of Charlie Max Kelley and Dorothy Louise Harvey Kelly. He graduated from Fayette County High School in 1960; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-two years, Mr. Kelley served with acumen and alacrity as the Sheriff of Fayette County, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues and community alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement in 2006, he continued to serve the citizens of Fayette County as a member of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners, in which capacity he served until the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley was an active participant in his profession and the Somerville community; he was a member of the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association and the Somerville Masonic Lodge, and he helped raised thousands of dollars for various charities; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Gladys Louise Barlow Kelley, until her passing in 2006; he was the proud father of Connie Kelley, Gerald

Kelley, and Darell Kelley; the loving grandfather of Amanda Kelley, Jessica Moye, Devin Kelley, Bryce Doyle, and Kara Doyle; and the devoted great-grandfather of Madalyn Hungerford, Kaitlyn Hungerford, Mason Denger, and Dorian Kelley; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his siblings, Maxine Middlecoff, Elizabeth Pruitt, Dot "Kelley" Walker, Linda Lazenby, and Larry Kelley; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, James H. Kelley; and

WHEREAS, Bill Kelley 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Billy G. Kelley, 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. Kelley.

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.