

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 991

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Chad Henderson of Hixson.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Chad Henderson; and

WHEREAS, born on December 17, 1944, to James Hillard Henderson and Jennie Amelia "Millie" Henderson in Fletcher, North Carolina, Chad Henderson 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, he attended North Carolina State University on an Air Force ROTC Scholarship and received a chemical engineering degree with honors; out of college, he was commissioned into the Air Force, where he rose to the rank of Captain before returning to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, after being discharged from the Air Force, Chad Henderson worked at Proctor and Gamble before beginning his lengthy career as a chemical process engineer for DuPont; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with DuPont, which spanned more than thirty years, Mr. Henderson worked at three different locations of the company: Martinsville, Virginia (1974-1994); Camden (1994-2001); and Chattanooga (2001-2005); and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Henderson was deeply involved in the West Pointe neighborhood association in Hixson and was a member of the John Sevier chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. His true passion was his involvement with the Boy Scouts of America; an Eagle Scout himself, Chad Henderson was an exemplary leader for the

organization, having been awarded the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow and the prestigious Silver Beaver Award; and

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

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty years, Nancy Jean Newsome Henderson, and was the proud father of Susan Amelia Henderson and United States Army Colonel Brian Jasen (Aimee) Henderson; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and children, Mr. Henderson is survived by his grandchildren, Carsen Pace Henderson and EllaJane Darby Henderson, and his brothers, Herbert Alexander Henderson, Donald Neal Henderson, and David Thomas Henderson; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, James and Millie Henderson; and

WHEREAS, Chad Henderson 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 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 James Chad Henderson, 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. Henderson.

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.