

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1153

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Timothy David Skow of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Timothy David Skow; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Skow was a fixture of the political scene in Middle Tennessee for many years and was integral in the campaigns of a host of prominent conservative leaders, always holding fast to the values of God, family, and country; and

WHEREAS, Tim Skow was born on September 16, 1958, in Spokane, Washington, and his early years were spent in Skagway, Alaska, and on the western coast of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, he was a 1976 graduate of Heppner High School, and throughout his life, he remained friends and kept in contact with many of his classmates, who considered him a caring, reverent, respectful, and nurturing friend who could always be counted on; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Mr. Skow graduated *magna cum laude* from Gonzaga University with a degree in business administration; during his undergraduate career, he played forward for the basketball team for a year and received the Harry S. Truman Foundation Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, one of his proudest moments was graduating from the Owen School of Management at Vanderbilt University in 1985 with a Master of Business Administration degree in Accounting and Human Resource Management; and

WHEREAS, so enamored was Tim Skow of Nashville that he decided to make it his home; he remained a proud resident of Music City and a proud Tennessean until the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Skow was a man of many passions, chief among them baseball and politics; his love for the GOP led him into the Young Republicans in the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Tim Skow ran as a Republican for Tennessee's 59th District in the House of Representatives against incumbent Dick Clark; although he was unsuccessful, he was not deterred, running once again in 1992; and

WHEREAS, on his second run, the election commission rejected his qualifying petition, claiming it was two signatures short; rather than conceding, Mr. Skow sued the commission and ran as a write-in candidate, garnering a record forty-two percent of the vote in the primary and successfully getting onto the ballot for the November election, ultimately losing, but only by a narrow margin; and

WHEREAS, Tim Skow nonetheless established a reputation for being a political dynamo; beginning in the early 1990s, he worked tirelessly in conservative political circles to successfully turn the State of Tennessee red; and

WHEREAS, he hosted and ran the only Nashville conservative luncheon group for decades and was active in countless campaigns, including those of Beth Harwell, Jim Gotto, Don Sundquist, Fred Thompson, Van Hilleary, Phil Bredesen, Bill Frist, Rand Paul, Marsha Blackburn, Winfield Dunn, Mark Green, Bill Hagerty, Lamar Alexander, and Donald Trump; 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, Tim Skow is survived by his parents, John and Ann; his brother, Tom (Janette); his sister, Teresa Ann; and a host of aunts, nieces, and nephews, including Robin Shelly, Kristin Beckley, Michael Skow, Hope Whitaker, Jake Whitaker, and Jordan Whitaker; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bill and Nadine Ary and Nels and Helen Skow; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Skow 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 pause to honor the legacy of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Timothy David Skow, reflecting fondly upon his many contributions and his 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. Skow.

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.