

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1261

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Harlan R. White of Cleveland.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Harlan White; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White 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, Mr. White served with acumen and alacrity as a member of the Bradley County Election Commission, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White was educated in the public school system of his hometown, Troy, New York, and graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a degree in Management Engineering in 1962; he interrupted his college education in 1957 to join the Navy, then became a pilot and was on active duty and in the reserves for ten years; and

WHEREAS, he worked for the Bendix Corporation in Troy for two years before moving to Cleveland, Tennessee, to help start the new Bendix plant in 1964; he worked assiduously with the company until 1972, when he became an agent and then an owner of White and Associates insurance agency; and

WHEREAS, upon his move to Cleveland, Harlan White immediately became a civic leader, joining the Cleveland Jaycees, for which he became President and served as lay director of the Emmaus Walk; he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Jaycees in 1970; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his community, Mr. White also served as President of many organizations, including Cleveland-Bradley Chamber of Commerce, the Cleveland Family

YMCA, Cleveland Association of Life Underwriters, Bradley Band Boosters, and the Cleveland Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, for his remarkable service, Mr. White received many well-deserved honors, including the Distinguished Service Award from the Cleveland Association of Life Underwriters, the Service to Mankind Award from the Cleveland Sertoma Club, and the Altruism Award from American Legion Post 81; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White was an active and devout member of the Northside Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as deacon, ruling elder, and treasurer; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. White enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Sylvia Phillips White; he is further survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Fawzy Attia and Judy and Scott Proctor; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathryn Abrahamson and Peggy and Jeff Gorss; his brothers-in-law and their wives, Harry and Carter Phillips, Grady and Pat Phillips, and Coy and Phyllis Phillips; his grandchildren, Amy Attia, Andrew Attia, and Abby Attia; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Harlan White 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 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Harlan R. White, 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. White.

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