

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1337

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Grady W. Turnbow, Jr.,
of Millington.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Grady W. Turnbow, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Grady Turnbow 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 on July 6, 1932, Mr. Turnbow was the oldest of eight children born to Grady W. Turnbow, Sr., and Cora Hollingsworth Turnbow; and

WHEREAS, Grady Turnbow enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve at the age of seventeen and transitioned to the United States Navy upon his graduation from Adamsville High School; he attended boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois, in May 1950 and received training in aviation maintenance; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his military career, Mr. Turnbow rendered sterling service as an aircraft organizational maintenance officer, technical instructor, aircraft organizational maintenance/material control officer, ground school instructor, and aircraft maintenance quality control officer, while working his way through all of the enlisted and warrant officer ranks and traveling the world to Thailand, Japan, Vietnam, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, Grady Turnbow retired from the United States Navy on July 1, 1980, at the rank of chief warrant officer after thirty and one-half years of faithful service, at which time he and his family settled in Millington; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Grady Turnbow married his beloved "Honey," Mable Ruth Garrison, who he first met in high school, and the couple enjoyed nearly sixty years of wedded bliss before her passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turnbow was a devout man who was instrumental in the fundraising and construction of two churches of which he was a member; 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, Grady Turnbow was the proud father of Debora (David) Wallace and Denise (Donnie) Holland; the devoted grandfather of Ian (Veronica) Wallace, Lauren Mangrum (Joseph) Schultz, and Adam (Maddie) Mangrum; and the treasured great-grandfather of six great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turnbow is lovingly remembered by his siblings, Everette DeWayne Turnbow, Catherine Turnbow Kindricks, Roy Gene (Johnnie) Turnbow, and Sammy Turnbow; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Mr. Turnbow was preceded in death by his wife, Mable Ruth Turnbow; an infant brother; his brother, Joe Neal Turnbow; and his sister, Betty Joyce Turnbow Brown; and

WHEREAS, Grady Turnbow 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 Grady W. Turnbow, Jr., 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. Turnbow.

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.