

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1338

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John David Adams of Savannah.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John David Adams of Savannah; and

WHEREAS, John Adams 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, John David Adams was born in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, on August 14, 1947, to William Paul and Esther Welch Adams and grew up on the family farm in luka, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams was a graduate of Burnsville High School and attended Northeast Community College and Mississippi State University, where he received a degree in business and finance; and

WHEREAS, he began his years of industry working for his father before joining Ford Motor Credit, where he was employed until his retirement in 2000; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 1974, John Adams was joined in holy matrimony with his beloved wife, Janey, and this joyous union produced two children, Whit David and Laura Anne; and

WHEREAS, the young family that started in Tupelo, Mississippi, would relocate to Nashville and later to Brandon, Mississippi, before John and Janey Adams settled in Savannah to spend their retirement years; and

WHEREAS, John Adams was an active member of Sharon Baptist Church, the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief, and Baptist Medical and Dental Mission International; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, William Paul Adams, Jr.; and two sisters, Maye Smith and Anne Rushing; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, John Adams is survived by his beloved wife of forty-five years, Janey Adams; his children, Whit (Audrey) Adams and Laura (Charlie) Hutchison; his grandchildren, Kellie Hutchison, Avery Adams, Keegan Hutchison, and Sara Adams; his brother Thomas (JoAnn) Adams; and his sister, Carole (Vance) Dixon; and

WHEREAS, John Adams 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 John David Adams, 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. Adams.

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.