

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1348

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Douglas Wayne (F.F.C.) Buckles of Elizabethton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Douglas Wayne (F.F.C.) Buckles; and

WHEREAS, Doug Buckles 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, a native of Carter County, Doug Buckles was the son of Eston and Roxie Odom Buckles and was a 1957 graduate of Unaka High School; and

WHEREAS, a proud military veteran, Mr. Buckles rendered sterling service to our country as a member of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, a retired public servant, Doug Buckles was an employee of the Johnson City Fire Department for thirty years, holding the esteemed position of Fire Chief for the entire city during the last eleven-and-one-half years of his tenure, and served as president of the Southeastern Chiefs Association; and

WHEREAS, a much admired and respected community leader, Doug Buckles served as chairman of the Carter County Election Commission and represented the 1<sup>st</sup> District on the Carter County Commission; and

WHEREAS, a beloved figure in the Unaka community, Mr. Buckles served as the voice of the Unaka Rangers for forty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Doug Buckles was a member of the Elizabethton Elk Lodge, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2166, the American Legion, and the Moose Lodge; and

WHEREAS, he was a faithful member of Carter Christian Church, which he served in numerous capacities over the years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buckles was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Augusta Buckles; and his sister, Virginia Clark; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, Doug Buckles is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn Perrett Buckles; three children, Leigh Anne (Darrin) Rowe, Douglas Wayne Buckles, Jr., and Chad Dwayne Buckles; three grandchildren, Logan (Tabatha) Rowe, Colton Rowe, and Addisyn Rowe; two great-grandchildren, Arianna Mitchell and Emily Shelton; one sister, Voretta (Phil) French; two brothers-in-law, Paul (Diane) Perrett and Bubba (Sherry) Perrett; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Doug Buckles 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 Douglas Wayne (F.F.C.) Buckles, 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. Buckles.

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.