

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1358

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judge John K. Wilson of
Greeneville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Judge John K. Wilson; and

WHEREAS, a retired circuit court judge, John Wilson 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, Judge John Wilson served with distinction as a member of the United States Air Force and as an assistant district attorney under Heiskell Winstead for eight years; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Governor Lamar Alexander appointed Judge Wilson to the bench as the circuit court judge for Greene, Hamblen, Hawkins, and Hancock counties, in which capacity he served for thirty-five years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Judge John Wilson was an important part of his community who served on the Nolachuckey Mental Health Board; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout religious faith, Judge Wilson was a member of First Baptist Church and Gideon's International; 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, Judge John Wilson enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-three years, Nancy Wilson; he was the proud father of Kimberly Wilson (Scott) Carter and John Waggoner (Heather) Wilson, and the devoted grandfather of Charlotte Grace Carter, Victoria Carter, Miranda Wilson, Sara Wilson, and Emma Wilson; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by his mother, Ethel Cates Wilson; his brothers, Richard Wilson and Jerry (Donna) Wilson; his sister, Margaret (Ted) Pate; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Joe and Diane Waggoner, Harold and Ellen Waggoner, and Margaret Wilson; and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wilson was preceded in death by his father, Albert Wilson; his brother, James Wilson; and his parents-in-law, Burnice and Margaret Waggoner; and

WHEREAS, Judge John Wilson 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 Judge John K. Wilson, 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 Judge Wilson.

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.