

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1480

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Edwin Aguilera.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Aguilera was a highly regarded member of his community and a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of Anibal Aguilera and Victoria Ramos, Edwin Aguilera was born in Villamontes, Tarija, Bolivia, on August 8, 1959, and grew up in Vallegrande, Santa Cruz, Bolivia; and

WHEREAS, his love of hard work and his family's belief in higher education led him to attend college in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and pursue a career in business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aguilera returned to Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, after college and became a successful businessman; the owner of more than a dozen retail stores, he frequently did business in the United States, Brazil, South Korea, Argentina, Panama, and Chile; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Edwin Aguilera and his family moved to the United States; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Mr. Aguilera greatly enjoyed attending concerts, movies, and soccer matches, with his favorite soccer teams being Blooming, Boca Juniors, and the Argentinian national team; and

WHEREAS, he especially loved to sing, and he would often spend nights singing along with his children; among his favorite artists were Palito Ortega and Juan Gabriel; and

WHEREAS, although Mr. Aguilera found immense fulfillment in his business pursuits and pastimes, his greatest joy came from being a devoted father, husband, and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of thirty-nine years, Candelaria Aguilera; his sons and daughters, Carolina Aguilera, David Aguilera, Claudia Aguilera, and Daniel Aguilera; and his grandchildren; James Phillips, Isabella Phillips, Savannah St. John, Israel St. John, and Henry Scherf; and

WHEREAS, he is also lovingly remembered by his brothers, Julio Aguilera and Miguel Siles; his sister, Rosario Aguilera; and a host of coworkers and many friends in the United States and Bolivia, including his best friend from infancy, Bernardo Rivero; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Aguilera 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 we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Edwin Aguilera, 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. Aguilera.

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.