

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1725

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mike Gooch of Kingston.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Gooch 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 October 17, 1951, in Mount Airy, North Carolina, Mike Gooch was a member and lifetime deacon of South Harriman Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he had a tremendous heart for missions, and he had a passion for serving in the Big Emory rebuild program, voluntarily helping to build more than 400 accessibility ramps and replace countless roofs; and

WHEREAS, Mike Gooch was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Mary Gooch; his daughter, Jessica Gooch; his son-in-law, Marcus Williams; his granddaughter, Brier Grace Williams; his father, Don Gooch; his siblings, Teresa Sadler and David Gooch; and his close friends, David, Billinda, Lila, and Carter Henderson; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his mother, June Gooch; and

WHEREAS, Mike Gooch 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mike Gooch, 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. Gooch.

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.