

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1775

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James "Jim" Earl Ferguson of Midtown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James "Jim" Earl Ferguson of Midtown; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson 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, for thirty-six years, Jim Ferguson owned and operated Midtown Paving with his partner, Bill Chitwood; and

WHEREAS, he gave back to his community as a member of Masonic Lodge #38 in Kingston and the Kerbela Shriners; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson will be fondly remembered as an avid sportsman who enjoyed golfing, hunting, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, he was an active member of Piney Grove Baptist Church, where he served the Lord faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, this loving father and friend to many was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ferguson; his parents, Frank and Lennie Ferguson; and his siblings, Gene Ferguson, Daisy Chitwood, and Carl Ferguson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson is survived by his children, Greg (Vicky) Ferguson, our former colleague Dennis (Carolyn) Ferguson, and Pam (David) McKissack; his grandchildren, Andy (Morgan) McKissack, Tony (Becca) McKissack, Missy Thompson, Kinvea (Damon) Sandifer, and Sonya (Joe) Seiber; his great-grandchildren, Micah Cromwell, Madison Scarbrough, Landon Sandifer, Kinsley McKissack, Kiley McKissack, Andrew, Riley, and Pierce; his siblings,

Ruby (Thomas) Ledbetter and Charles (Grace) Ferguson; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Jim Ferguson 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 remember this exceptional 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 James "Jim" Earl Ferguson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his bountiful life of purpose and commitment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Ferguson.

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.