

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1827

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to designate Nash as the official dog of the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, the late Nash, an English Labrador Retriever, was named in honor of the Capital City, where his person, Senator Jon Lundberg, helps conduct the people's business during each session of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Nash was originally a gift to Senator Lundberg from his wife on their twentieth wedding anniversary in 2010; Nash was intended to keep the good Senator company while he was staying in Nashville, which is some 300 miles from his Bristol home; and

WHEREAS, at six weeks of age, Nash became a constant presence on Capitol Hill, and not only did he help Senator Lundberg keep loneliness at bay, he garnered a loyal legion of fans from all parts of the legislative complex; and

WHEREAS, a true rock star, Nash was recognized in local, state, and national media, including *USA Today*, featured on several television news broadcasts, and dubbed "The Therapy Dog of Tennessee's Capitol Hill" by WJHL News Channel 11; and

WHEREAS, English Labradors are noted for their intelligence and their calm demeanor, which makes them ideal companion dogs; and

WHEREAS, his breeding may have predisposed him to popularity, but it was his sparkling personality that carried the day to make Nash universally loved; and

WHEREAS, members, staff, lobbyists, and visitors often dropped by Senator Lundberg's office just to spend time with Nash, and they all benefited from the emotional support he provided, as their anger subsided and their blood pressure returned to normal in his soothing presence; and

WHEREAS, it can be honestly said that for many people the highlight of their visit to the State Capitol was meeting Nash, who turned everyone into a dog lover; and

WHEREAS, Nash gained even greater celebrity as the official dog of Spay/Neuter Tennessee, but he didn't let fame change him; he still accompanied Senator Lundberg most of the time prior to his passing; and

WHEREAS, Nash was beloved by the members of the General Assembly, and it is only fitting that he should posthumously join this august body as its official canine; 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 designate the late Nash as the official dog of the Tennessee General Assembly, reflecting fondly upon the positive impact he had on so many human lives.

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.