

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8019 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joseph Andrew Lenhard of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joseph Andrew Lenhard of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Joe Lenhard 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, Joseph Andrew Lenhard was born outside Detroit, Michigan, on June 18, 1929, and graduated from East Detroit High School, where he participated in football and track, in 1947; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Joe Lenhard worked in an automobile factory before joining the United States Navy; in 1949, he received a U.S. Navy scholarship to attend Vanderbilt University, where he studied physics and graduated in 1953; and

WHEREAS, after serving as a naval officer for three years, he returned to Vanderbilt on a U.S. Atomic Energy Commission fellowship in 1956 and earned a master's degree in nuclear physics in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Joe Lenhard first came to Oak Ridge for summer training and stayed in the city for the rest of his life; he served as a senior executive with the U.S. Department of Energy, and for the last fifteen years of his employment, he was responsible for all research and development activities within Oak Ridge Operations as Director of Research; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lenhard established and directed the first integrated Safety and Environmental Division in AEC-Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Joe Lenhard received numerous federal awards during his career and served as a U.S. delegate to the 1964 Atoms for Peace Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, where he was responsible for the safety of all U.S. exhibits; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement in 1989, he actively promoted Oak Ridge for federal and private-sector industrial development and made generous contributions to local universities, especially the Oak Ridge branch of Roane State Community College and the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, an active part of his community, Joe Lenhard was the founder of the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee, past president of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, former chair of the East Tennessee Economic Council, and a thirty-year member of the Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Joe Lenhard was devoted to his family; he is survived by his wife, Crissy Lenhard; his daughters, Andrea Lenhard and Michele Lenhard; his stepchildren, James Buchan and Leca Buchan; five grandchildren, Sarah Buchan, Meagan McClanahan, Michael McClanahan, Stephen Scales, and Samantha Scales; and five great-grandchildren, Dominic Francis, Keegan Francis, Skylar Lawrence, Sawyer Scales, and Waylan Scales; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lenhard was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary E. Lenhard; his sister, Janette Lenhard; his brothers, Andrew Lenhard and Kenneth Lenhard; and his son, Mark Lenhard; and

WHEREAS, Joe Lenhard 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 Joseph Andrew Lenhard, 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. Lenhard.

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.