

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 813  
By Atchley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Worrick G. Robinson  
III of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Worrick G. Robinson III, a highly respected lobbyist on Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was a man of great character who garnered the respect and admiration of others for his exemplary work ethic and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Worrick was born and raised in Nashville and was an East High School graduate; he subsequently graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Worrick Robinson bravely and honorably served in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson began his illustrious career with Bell South in 1958, known then as South Central Bell and, in 1973, he represented the company before the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, he retired from Bell South in 1997 and founded his own lobbying firm, Robinson and Associates, where he worked with his daughter Lara Green; and

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WHEREAS, Worrick Gale Robinson III earned the respect of his clients and legislators alike for his wisdom, sincerity, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee State Senator Douglas Henry, who knew Mr. Robinson for more than fifty years, stated that he “was the sort of man whose word you never questioned”; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Bob Rochelle remembered Worrick as a “kind and gentle person. That gentleness about him and his knowledge (of telecommunications issues) and trustworthiness ---he combined all those assets to be one of the top lobbyists in the state”; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished and respected member of his profession, Worrick Robinson had been named a Top 10 Lobbyist in Tennessee by *Advantage* magazine; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished alumni of his beloved University of Tennessee, Mr. Robinson served the university with the utmost distinction for many years; he was a past President of the school’s National Alumni Organization and was active with the Public Affairs Committee and the Tennessee Society Club; and

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

WHEREAS, Worrick Robinson will be dearly missed by his wife, Martha Jean Robinson; his daughter and son-in-law, Lara Lynn Robinson Green and Nathan Green; his son and daughter-in-law, Worrick Gale Robinson IV and Leslie Robinson; and his grandchildren, Worrick Gale Robinson V, Aubrey Grace Robinson, and James Nathan Green, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson’s son, Worrick Gale Robinson IV fondly recalled of his father that he “knew a lot of people, and he cared about each one of them all the same, whether they were a secretary or a senator. He treated them all the same, and that was with a good handshake and a lot of respect”; and

WHEREAS, he has left 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, not often does a man of Worrick Robinson's character walk among us and it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this devoted husband and father and distinguished human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Worrick Gale Robinson III, reflecting with admiration upon his impeccable character, his selfless commitment to family and community, his distinguished service as a lobbyist and the courage and conviction with which he lived.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.