

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 203

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Olice Clinnon "O.C."
Thomas of Lawrence County.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has honored those outstanding citizens who, during their lifetimes, distinguished themselves as invaluable assets to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the late Olice Clinnon "O.C." Thomas was most assuredly one such outstanding public servant who evidenced uncommon devotion to his duties as a police officer, working assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens despite the long hours and the uncertain and often dangerous nature of his profession; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Lawrence County, O.C. Thomas was born in 1933, as one of the seven children of Richard and Martha Thomas of Saint Joseph; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from Loretto High School, Mr. Thomas valiantly served his nation as a member of the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and later received an honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, O.C. Thomas went on to serve with acumen and alacrity as a police officer, earning the respect of a grateful public as he faced the daily rigors of human conflict to protect and serve his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas was an active and devout member of Grace Nazarene Church in Lawrenceburg, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, O.C. Thomas enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Nora, and he was the proud father of seven children: Patricia, Garry, Angela, Glenda, Denise, Teresa, and Steven; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas is deeply missed by all who were fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, O.C. Thomas has left behind a legacy of integrity and bravery in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors, and it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional police officer and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Olice Clinnon "O.C." Thomas, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to protecting and serving his fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our belated condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Mr. Thomas.

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