

SENATE RESOLUTION 314

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Newton Perkins Allen, Sr., of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Newton Perkins Allen, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Newton Allen 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, he served with acumen and alacrity as an attorney, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he practiced law in Memphis for sixty-one years, serving his clients faithfully until the last few months of his life; and

WHEREAS, he spent a majority of his professional career at Armstrong Allen, PLLC, until he founded The Newton P. Allen Law firm with his wife, Malinda; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong Memphian, Mr. Allen attended Miss Lee's School of Childhood and Central High School; he graduated from Princeton University in 1943 and from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1948; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Newton Allen attained the rank of Eagle Scout as a young boy; and

WHEREAS, he bravely served his country during World War II, earning distinction as a member of America's Greatest Generation; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Memphis community, Mr. Allen lent his talents and astute leadership abilities to numerous civic and religious organizations, including service as President of the Memphis Orchestral Society and as a member of the boards of St. Mary's Episcopal School, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, and St. Mary's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of Calvary Episcopal Church, 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, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Malinda, and was the proud patriarch to John, Malinda, Newton, Cannon, John, and Lilian, their spouses, and his eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he was also appreciative of the love of his first wife, Linda Nobles Allen, who preceded him in death in 1986; and

WHEREAS, with a twinkle in his eye and a gentleness in his heart, Newton Allen will best be remembered as a true gentleman who sincerely affirmed the good in so many people; and

WHEREAS, Newton Perkins Allen, Sr., 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 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 FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Newton Perkins Allen, Sr., 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. Allen.

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