

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1089

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Carey Johnson of Scotts Hill.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Carey Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity who embodied the best of his community, Mr. Johnson was taught the value of service to others by his parents, Coy and Grace Johnson; and

WHEREAS, a native of Scotts Hill, he graduated from high school in 1952 and attended Memphis State University where he played on the baseball team; and

WHEREAS, while attending college, he honorably answered the call to military service, serving in the U.S. Army from 1956 until 1958 in Germany; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, after teaching at Scotts Hill High School where he also coached the varsity boys and girls basketball teams, he began his career with the U.S. Agricultural Department in the Farm Services Agency, serving with the utmost probity and character until his retirement in 2004; and

WHEREAS, a consummate public servant, in retirement he dedicated his coveted leadership abilities to the welfare of the citizens of Scotts Hill, serving with acumen and alacrity as mayor, first elected to office in 2004 and re-elected in 2008, he earned the respect of his peers and constituents alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Mr. Johnson also managed the family farm and cattle business; raising Beefmaster cattle since 1971, he actively

participated in several national and regional trade associations, including serving as the founding organizer of the Southeastern Beefmaster Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was an active and devout member of Scotts Hill Church of Christ, which served faithfully as an elder; and

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

WHEREAS, Casey Johnson enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty years, Ruth Anne Johnson; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and loving father of his son, Craig Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson will be sorely missed by his siblings, Bill Johnson and wife, Liz, Dr. Ralph Johnson and wife, Charlotte, and Dr. Larry Johnson and wife, Rebecca; he was preceded in death by his sister Ruth Helms and his brother Kenneth Johnson; and

WHEREAS, he will also be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews, the citizens of Scotts Hill, and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Carey Johnson 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Carey Johnson, 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 Carey Johnson.

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