

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 561

By Summerville

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles Andrew Howell III of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles Andrew Howell III; and

WHEREAS, Charles Howell 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, a former commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Conservation, Mr. Howell was appointed to the post in 1981 by Governor Lamar Alexander and served in that capacity until 1987. He had previously served Governor Alexander as the Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration and rendered over seven years of meritorious service to the State of Tennessee in that post; and

WHEREAS, born in Brentwood on December 30, 1930, Charles Andrew Howell III was the son of Charles Andrew Howell, Jr., and Helen Johnson (Buchanan) Howell and attended Walter Stokes School and Hillsboro High School in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, he attended the University of the South in Sewanee, David Lipscomb University in Nashville, and George Pepperdine College, now Pepperdine University, in Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, Charles A. Howell III was a 1951 graduate of the Tennessee School of Broadcasting and later completed a program for senior executives in state and local government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howell served this great Nation with valor and distinction in the United States Air Force, receiving an honorable discharge, and in the Tennessee Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, a highly talented and industrious businessman, Mr. Howell was the owner and operator of Howell Construction Company from 1954 to 1979 before joining Governor Alexander's cabinet; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to public service, Charles A. Howell III was a Charter Member of the Metro Nashville Davidson County Council in 1962 and was elected in 1968 to a term in the Tennessee House of Representatives for the 86<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Conservation, Mr. Howell served as the state Historic Preservation Officer and Liaison Officer and member, ex officio, of the Tennessee Historical Commission, in addition to being a member of the Historic Sites Advisory Council, the Tennessee Natural, Cultural, and Recreational Resource Management Agency, and chair of the Oil and Gas Board; and

WHEREAS, as sole proprietor of Howell Construction, he was instrumental in the preservation of the Nashville Federal Customs House and the North Front at Belmont University, and he was active in the restoration and preservation of numerous Tennessee antiquities; and

WHEREAS, active in the Republican Party and holding several offices in the Davidson County Republican Executive Committee during his lifetime, Mr. Howell was the Republican candidate for the Tennessee Public Service Commission in 1964 and the Tennessee Senate in 1970, as well as chair of the 1987 Policy Study Committee and co-chair of the Bush for President Committee with the Tennessee Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howell was appointed to the Board of Advisors for Fisk, serving as vice-chair, and was later appointed to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail Advisory Council by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Donald Hodel; and

WHEREAS, he rendered sterling service as a member of the Tennessee Heritage Alliance; chairman of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Solid Waste Management for the Greater Nashville Regional Council; chair of the Second Avenue Conservation Advisory Committee; and board of governors member of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, sharing his time and considerable talents with a number of civic, educational, and charitable organizations, Mr. Howell served as chair of the advisory board of the Salvation Army, founding member and board member of the Southwest Young Men's

Christian Association, and founder and first chairman of the board of Franklin Road Academy;  
and

WHEREAS, the first executive director of Historic Nashville, Inc., Charles A. Howell III was a distinguished member of the Tennessee Conservation League, the Tennessee Historical Society, the Nature Conservancy, the Historic Belmont Association, the Rotary Club, Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, and the Nashville Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, he was the 1985 recipient of the Fellow Award from the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers; the Public Service Award from the United States Department of the Interior in 1983; the Award of Outstanding Achievement from the National Park Service in 1983; the Preservation Award for Outstanding Achievement in 1980 from Historic Nashville, Inc.; an award for restoration from the United States Corps of Engineers in 1978 for his work with Mill Springs Mill in Kentucky; and a commendation for his efforts in historic preservation in 1977 from the Tennessee Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, in tribute to his many contributions and tremendous efforts in the area of historic preservation and conservation, Mr. Howell was awarded lifetime memberships in the Ladies' Hermitage Association, the Rugby Restoration Association, and the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howell was an active and devout member of Woodmont Christian Church and, during his lifetime, was a member of the board of trustees at National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, his innumerable accomplishments aside, Charles A. Howell III was also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howell is survived by his beloved wife, Juliet Harb Howell; his sons, Charles Andrew Howell IV (Margaret), Richard Harb Howell (Jennifer), Robert Fletcher Howell (Barbie), Patrick Buchanan Howell (Gretchen), and his grandchildren, Katie Buchanan, Margaret Ash, Julianne Johnson, Suzanne Robertson, Amanda Bahia, and Lillian Reid Howell;  
and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert Johnson Howell, Mr. Howell will be sadly mourned, but fondly remembered by his sister, Helen Howell Palmer-Ball, and many other dear family members and loyal friends; and

WHEREAS, a gracious gentleman who embodied the ideals of public service and lived a life of purpose, Charles A. Howell III 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 truly exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charles Andrew Howell III, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his extraordinary contributions to the people of Tennessee, 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. Howell.

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