

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 776

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Alexander Reed "Al" Lesemann of Gallatin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Alexander Reed "Al" Lesemann; and

WHEREAS, Al Lesemann 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, although born with Spina Bifida, Al Lesemann refused to be defined by his disability and always maintained a cheerful attitude and a positive outlook on life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lesemann served with acumen and alacrity for twenty years selling marriage licenses in the office of the Sumner County Clerk, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Al Lesemann's upbeat attitude served as an inspiration to others when he graced the cover of the 1979 Clinic Bowl Program as the poster child for Vanderbilt's Orthopedics' Clinic Bowl; he was also a poster child for Easter Seals; and

WHEREAS, an avid sports fan, Al Lesemann enjoyed cheering for his alma mater, the Gallatin Green Wave of Gallatin High School, and for the Tennessee Volunteers and the Dallas Cowboys; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Lesemann was named a Distinguished Alumni of Gallatin High School, a Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow, and received the Shoney's Boot Strap Award; and

WHEREAS, Al Lesemann was an active and devout member of Gallatin's First Presbyterian Church, where he served faithfully as a deacon; and

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

WHEREAS, Al Lesemann will be dearly missed by his parents, William L. Lesemann, Sr. and Betty Jo Lesemann; brothers, William L. Lesemann, Jr., Louis F. Lesemann and wife, Heather Anderson, and Robert T. Lesemann and wife, Ginger; and nieces, Catharine, Hannah, and Sarah Lesemann; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lesemann 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Alexander Reed "Al" Lesemann, 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. Lesemann.

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