

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 843

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Darrell “Pappy” Crowe of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Darrell “Pappy” Crowe; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Crowe 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, Mr. Crowe served with acumen and alacrity as the Executive Director for the Elizabethton/Carter County Boys and Girls Club for four years and the Johnson City club for twenty-four years, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Pappy Crowe coached and taught at Old North Junior High School from 1965 to 1966 and at Elizabethton High School from 1969 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Science Hill High School, where he was an outstanding basketball player, Mr. Crowe earned a bachelor’s degree from East Tennessee State University in industrial education, and in 1973, he earned a master’s degree in the same field; and

WHEREAS, Pappy Crowe was involved with the Dizzy Dean boys basketball league for more than thirty-five years, including the last six years as coach of the Dizzy Dean State Champs; and

WHEREAS, Pappy Crowe was an active and devout member of Buffalo Valley Christian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as the Senior Class Sunday school teacher and Chairman of the Elders; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Crowe was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Geraldine Arnett Crowe; sister, Mary Dean Ward; grandchild, Matthew R. Miller; and great-grandchild, Lily Shumate; and

WHEREAS, Pappy Crowe enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-two years, Patricia Peoples Crowe, and was the proud parent of Darlene Coleman and her husband, Phillip, and Tammy Depriest and her husband, Jeff; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crowe will also be dearly missed by his brother, Terry Crowe and wife, Glenda; sisters, Billy Jean Street and husband, Jerry, and Betty Diehl and husband, Edward; grandchildren, Heather Morris and husband, Josh, April Shumate and husband, Brandon, Matthew Miller and fiancé, McKenzie Hughes, and Rachelle Roark and husband, Brent; great-grandchildren, Blayne Morris, Ayvri Morris, Coby Roark, and Bella Shumate; and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crowe 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 Darrell "Pappy" Crowe, 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. Crowe.

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