

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 718

By Smith

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Zaevion Dobson of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Zaevion Dobson, a sophomore at Fulton High School; and

WHEREAS, a true hero, Zaevion Dobson was killed as he shielded three girls from gunfire when several men went on a senseless shooting spree in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, remembered by Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero as “one of our success stories,” Zaevion Dobson played football at Fulton; he was described by his coach, Rob Black, as a “fine, fine young man”; and

WHEREAS, while enjoying the company of his friends, Zaevion Dobson was caught in the center of an act of senseless violence, but instead of running, he bravely chose to protect the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Zaevion Dobson’s heroic actions resulted in him sacrificing himself, as he gave his life to ensure the safety of his friends; and

WHEREAS, Zaevion always put others before himself, leading him to perform this heroic action without thought; and

WHEREAS, Zaevion was a strong-minded individual, and he was determined to achieve his goals in life; and

WHEREAS, Zaevion had an ability to bring joy to others, and he had a loving nature that was second to none among his peers; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly remember the all-too-brief life of an exceptional young man with a big heart and a promising future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Zaevion Dobson, reflecting upon his bravery and sacrifice that saved the lives of his friends and paying tribute to his many successes even as a young man.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Zaevion Dobson.

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