

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 439

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Foy Walton Watson, Jr.,
of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Foy Walton Watson, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Foy Watson, Jr., 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, born on January 13, 1926, in Birmingham, Alabama, Foy Watson, Jr., graduated from Chattanooga High School. He also attended East Tennessee State Teachers College Army Air Corps Training Detachment and the University of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, he answered the call to serve his country during World War II, serving as a training pilot in the United States Army Air Corps; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson retired as vice president of the group insurance department of Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company after forty-one years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work. In his retirement, he continued to work as a consultant in the managed health care industry; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of Trinity Lutheran Church, which he served faithfully for many years as an usher and a member of the finance and endowment committees; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to serving his community, Foy Watson, Jr., was a member of the Chattanooga Golf and Country Club, the Pachyderm Club, and the Chattanooga Half Century Club; and

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

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of thirty-four years, Lynda Holloway Watson, and he was the proud parent of six children, Suzanne Rushworth, Melissa Pierce, Debbie Gates, Senator Foy Walton "Bo" Watson III, Kelly Iles, and Kirby Iles; and

WHEREAS, he was also the loving grandparent of seven grandchildren: Ashley Herrick, Marshall Rushworth, Elizabeth Bradford, Foy Walton "Grey" Watson IV, Rachel Hollander, Molly Iles, and Emily Brown; and three great-grandchildren: Anna Blake, Clara Joy Bradford, and Rowling Marie Hollander; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson 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 the members of 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Foy Walton Watson, Jr., 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. Watson.

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