

SENATE RESOLUTION 8

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Paul E. Parks of
Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Paul E. Parks; and

WHEREAS, Paul Parks 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 in Fayette County on December 23, 1947, Paul Parks was the son of Carroll Moses Parks and Mary Newell Boothe Parks. As a child, Mr. Parks always said he wanted to be a truck driver and serve the United States Marine Corps, two dreams that he would both fulfill; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Fayette County High School in 1966, Mr. Parks answered the ultimate call to service and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, having honorably served two tours in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, after returning home, Paul Parks attained his second goal in life and drove for Overton Trucking. In time, he would buy his own semi-trailer truck, which he affectionately nicknamed "Baby." He later drove for Packard in Channahon, Illinois, until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Paul Parks was a kind-hearted soul, who loved his country, flag, Marine Corps, and people of all nationalities, and he greeted everyone, both friend and stranger, with a smile; and

WHEREAS, he leaves behind three brothers, James Parks, John Franklin Parks, and Dwight Parks; two sisters, Virgie Appling and Joy Earnest; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of extended family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Paul E. Parks departs this world with 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Paul E. Parks, 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. Parks.

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