

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1034

By Daniel

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of George Burton Sampson of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of George Burton "GB" Sampson, a successful businessman with a big heart; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sampson was the president of Cherokee Distributing Company, which was founded by his father, George W. Sampson, in 1958; and

WHEREAS, GB Sampson loved people and was deeply committed to ensuring the happiness and success of each of his employees; and

WHEREAS, after assuming the reins of leadership from his father, Mr. Sampson assured the forward progress of Cherokee by keeping abreast of expansion, technology, and innovation in the marketplace, yet he was also at the forefront of community leadership; and

WHEREAS, he was dedicated to building a bright future for our children, and to that end, he contributed generously to the Boys and Girls Club of East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman of many talents, Mr. Sampson was the proud reigning champion of the Thunder on the Gulf Fishing Tournament and the creator of the world famous "G-burger Cheeseburger"; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, he met his future wife, Sheryl, during his college days as a Sigma Chi; the couple was fortunate to enjoy thirty-three years of marriage as "Shirley and Biggs" before her passing; and

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

WHEREAS, he is survived by his children, Lauren Brooks Sampson, George Burton Sampson, Jr., James Michael Sampson, Steven Mitchell Sampson, and Kristen Margaret

Sampson; sister, Mary Ellen (Steve) Brewington; several nieces and nephews; and father-in-law, James Donald Mitchell, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sampson was preceded in death by his wife, Sheryl Mitchell Sampson; mother, Nancy B. Sampson; father, George W. Sampson; brother, Steve E. Sampson; and sister, Nell L. Sampson; and

WHEREAS, he 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 remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of George Burton Sampson, reflecting fondly upon the excellent example he set as a businessman, employer, and public servant and his gentle spirit as a loyal husband, father, brother, and friend.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Sampson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.