

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 115

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Paul "Jim" Purdy of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Paul "Jim" Purdy; and

WHEREAS, Jim Purdy 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 to Floyd Paul and Ruth Thomas Purdy, Jim Purdy was a proud graduate of Loudon High School, Class of 1957, a graduating class that remained very close, due in no small part to Mr. Purdy's work in organizing class reunions; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, alongside his brother Ray, Mr. Purdy founded the Purdy Bros. Trucking Company; a true entrepreneur, he also owned and operated Grove Wine and Spirits and invested in and developed real estate; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, he was a member of Tennessee Lodge 204 Free and Accepted Masons in addition to being a Shriner, a Jester, and a member of both the York Rite and the Scottish Rite Masons; he also participated in the monthly club "Senior Creek in the Woods," a longtime gathering of friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purdy was an active, lifelong member of Philadelphia United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully and selflessly whenever the opportunity arose; and

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

WHEREAS, he is survived by his children and their spouses, Jeanine (Mike) Ryan, Lisa (Doug) Surret, Callie Purdy, and Jeff Paul Purdy; his grandchildren and their spouses, Dr.

Justin (Felicia) Harrell, Morgan Harrell, Alyssa (Chris) Duffy, Chelsea Surret (Brian) Stovall, Evan Surret, and Jordan Paul (Ashley) Purdy; his great-grandchildren, Leah, Ella, Cora, and James Paul "J.P."; his siblings and their spouses, Robert (Joy) Purdy, Ray (Angie) Purdy, Patricia Barr, and Betty Whitney; his fiancée, Patti Fraker Wells; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Wilma Jean (Williams) Purdy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purdy 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 public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James Paul "Jim" Purdy, 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. Purdy.

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