

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 149

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John William Graham of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John William Graham; and

WHEREAS, John Graham 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, for thirty-eight years, Mr. Graham owned and operated Kwick-Way Transportation Company, earning the respect of his peers and his community alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, John Graham was a 32nd degree Mason; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graham was a devout member of Crossroads Christian Church in Gray and the Berean Sunday School class; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Graham enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Laura; he was the proud father of William Noel Graham and Tamara G. Blevins and the devoted grandfather of Whitney Lewis, Christopher Graham, Anna Graham, and Olivia Blevins; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by Annie Rhea, Emma Rhea, Jack Rhea, and Caroline Rhea Perry; Chip Rhea, Lynn Rhea, A.R. Rhea, and Kelly Rhea; his cousin, Tom Luneke; his godson, Shane Matthews; and his special friends, Edith Clark, Jackie and Len Runyan, Marc and Mary Runyan, Charlie McCoy, Sally and Jerry Elliot, and Debbie and John Dobbs; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, William H. and Mary G. Graham, and his sister, Barbara Ann Corman-Pierce; and

WHEREAS, John Graham 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John William Graham, 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. Graham.

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