

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 241

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Don Leland Patterson of Kingston.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Don Leland Patterson; and

WHEREAS, Don Patterson 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 Loudon on June 21, 1924, Mr. Patterson was the son of Carson and Florence Patterson; he moved to Kingston as a young boy and attended Roane County High School; and

WHEREAS, Don Patterson honorably served this country during World War II as a sergeant with Company B, 330th Infantry; he received a number of medals for his distinguished service, including the Purple Heart, and was discharged in 1945; and

WHEREAS, following his return home, Mr. Patterson moved to Chicago to learn how to be a mechanic on refrigeration units; while living in the city, he and his high school sweetheart, Florence Ruth "Babe" Feezell, married on May 29, 1948; and

WHEREAS, the couple later returned to Tennessee, and Mr. Patterson worked for Union Carbide for ten years; in 1965, he opened Patterson's Home Appliance Center; and

WHEREAS, a notable civic leader, Mr. Patterson was an original charter member of the Roane County Rescue Squad and the Roane County Chamber of Commerce, and he was a lifelong member of Masonic Lodge No. 38; and

WHEREAS, Don Patterson was an active and devout member of Caney Ford Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Don Patterson is survived by his son Steve Patterson; his grandchildren, Bryan Patterson, Kevin Patterson, and Mark Patterson; his sister, Barbara Robinette; and a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; his son Dennis Patterson; his brother, Norman Patterson; and his sisters Wanda Seiler and Faye Guettner; and

WHEREAS, Don Patterson 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 Don Leland Patterson, 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. Patterson.

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