

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 862

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lawrence L. Smith, Jr.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Lawrence L. Smith, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, born on August 26, 1933, to Lawrence L. Smith and Mamie Young Smith, Lawrence Smith 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, a 1950 graduate of Central High School, he joined the United States Army and received a medical disability discharge in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith served with acumen and alacrity with the United States Postal Service for twenty-eight years before taking his much-deserved retirement in 1990; after retiring, he became self-employed and continued to work until 2013; and

WHEREAS, his work ethic was matched only by his devotion to the church; he served as the pastor of both Living Word Church and Christ Temple Assembly of God for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife of nearly sixty-three years, Berneice; two sons, Robert L. Smith and Kevin L. Smith; a brother, Reverend Frank Smith; a sister, Doris Smith Hudson; and a host of extended family and close friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Zubia Smith Parrot, Esther Smith Gurkin, and Ruby Smith Yeiser; and a number of extended family members; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Smith 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 and service of Lawrence L. Smith, Jr., 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. Smith.

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.