

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1128

By White

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jerry Lee Jones of Eagleville.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jerry Lee Jones; and

WHEREAS, born on May 16, 1951, to Vassie Jones and Charles McKinley Jones, Jerry Jones was an exemplary public servant, courageous veteran, and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Jones joined the United States Army Reserve. In 1980, he was activated with the 861<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, with which he served in Operation Desert Storm and numerous other special operations; he was a Jump Master, Paratrooper, and Parachute Rigger and retired from the Army Reserve in 1996 as a Sergeant First Class in the 861<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from military service, he began his career as an electrician, in which profession he earned the respect of his peers and clients alike for the superior quality of his work; he retired from Tennessee State University in 2011; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Jerry Jones was an active member of Eagleville United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a Sunday school teacher; and

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

WHEREAS, in addition to his mother, he is survived by his loving wife of forty-seven years, Joyce Lamb Jones; his sons, Lee (Samantha) Jones and Mac (Erika) Jones; his grandchildren, Gunner, Ruby, and Lillian Jones; his sister, Gail (Paul) Norwood; his brothers,

Terry (Peggy) Jones and Kyle (Gayla) Jones; and Wyatt Tanner, a young man he mentored;  
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones will be greatly missed as a friend and neighbor in the Eagleville community; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Jones 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 we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this true patriot and exceptional 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 Jerry Lee Jones, 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. Jones.

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.