

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8003 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Brother Ivan N. Raley of Pickett County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Brother Ivan N. Raley of Pickett County; and

WHEREAS, Brother Ivan Raley 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, Ivan N. Raley was born on November 11, 1937, and grew up on Lindsey Street in Jackson, where he and his family attended Calvary Baptist Church. It was there that he accepted Jesus Christ in February 1946; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from high school, he attended Union University in Jackson before enlisting in the United States Navy, where he finished two degrees. He later earned his Ph.D. at the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, for the past sixty-five years, Brother Raley preached the Gospel across Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, and California, and internationally in Central America, South America, Europe, Mexico, and Africa; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Brother Raley and his wife, Carole Raley, were called to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home in Brentwood, where he became vice president of the Middle Tennessee Region and served the abused and abandoned children of Tennessee for the next twelve years; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Brother Raley was called to serve as pastor of First Baptist Church in Byrdstown and ably served the people of Pickett County; and

WHEREAS, Brother Ivan Raley was honored to serve as Chaplain of the Day for the General Assembly, delivered the opening prayer at the U.S House of Representatives on two occasions, and was invited to share in the National Day of Prayer held by the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, Brother Ivan Raley was devoted to his family; he is survived by his wife, Carole; his children, Vann (Terri) Raley, Sandra (Bill) Vaught, Mary (Rick) Hinson, Jennifer Osborn VanOrman, John (Hope) Reed, and James Reed; eleven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Brother Raley was preceded in death by his parents, Ivan Raley and Johnnie Hobson Raley; his sisters, Alice Raley Griffis, Peggy Raley Chandler, and Launa Raley Fleming; and two nephews, Danny Ayers and Jimmy Ayers; and

WHEREAS, Brother Raley 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 Brother Ivan N. Raley, 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 Brother Raley.

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.