

SENATE RESOLUTION 113

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Johnny Edward Helton of Selmer.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Johnny Edward Helton; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Helton 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 McNairy County on February 17, 1940, Johnny Helton was the son of Andrew Henry Helton and Hettie Gaddy Lott Helton; and

WHEREAS, a proud veteran, Mr. Helton bravely served his country in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Helton was a McNairy County school bus driver and a truck driver for Shaw Trucking; he also worked at Milan Arsenal and Owens Corning. Hard-working and dedicated, Mr. Helton earned the respect of his colleagues and community alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, he was an active and devout member of the Curtis Hill Church of God of Prophecy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Helton enjoyed deer hunting and riding motorcycles; 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, Johnny Helton enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Billie Jean Helton; he was the proud father of Linda Gail Helton Moore and Dwayne Allen Helton; the loving

grandfather of Jonathon Moore, Whitten Helton, Brycyn Helton, Mattea Helton, and Aynsley Helton; and the doting great-grandfather of Baylie Brown, Levii Moore, and Jhett Moore; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ronald Gene Helton; eight half-brothers, Hardie O. Lott, Jr., Roy Bervill Lott, James Calvin (JC) Lott, Rayburn "Ward" Lott, Jessie Helton, Everett Ray Helton, Clarence Helton, and Fred Helton; and four half-sisters, Hazel Massengill, Opal Sipes, Wana Mae Carpenter, and Essie Mae Burkee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Helton 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, that we honor the memory of Johnny Edward Helton, 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. Helton.

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