

SENATE RESOLUTION 154

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Reece Smith of Rockwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Reece Smith; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a highly regarded businessman and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on October 31, 1949, in Johnson City, John Smith enjoyed an extensive career in the banking industry, starting as a teller at First National Bank in Kingston at the age of sixteen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith retired as a bank president with Regions Bank, having served with a number of banks, where he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and his customers; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, John Smith served on many civic boards in the Rockwood area and lent his time and talents to a number of worthy causes, including the United Way and the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church in Rockwood, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, John Smith is survived by his wife of forty-eight years, Patsy Smith; his daughters, Christina (David) Kidwell and Mary Joe (Steve) Grove; his sons, Jimmy Reece (Melissa) Smith, Carlos Gongelez, and Manuel Gongelez; and seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Joe K. and Mary Smith, and special friends, Helen and Russell Simmons, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. 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 legislative body 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 John Reece Smith, 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.