

SENATE RESOLUTION 7033 of the First Extraordinary Session

By Swann

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sidney Alvin Blalock of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Sidney Alvin Blalock; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary businessman and generous philanthropist, Sid Blalock worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blalock was the Chief Executive Officer and a founder of Charles Blalock & Sons, Incorporated, a construction company that he established with his brothers in 1962; the company has since expanded into multiple businesses with over 800 employees serving Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean born on October 28, 1939, in Sevierville, Sidney Alvin Blalock graduated from the University of Tennessee, where he met his future wife, the former JoNelda Williams; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of the Sevier County community, Sid Blalock supported the efforts of numerous nonprofit organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains, Great Smoky Mountains Council of Boy Scouts of America, Alzheimer's of Tennessee, East Tennessee Children's Hospital, and Sevier County Partners in Progress; and

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

WHEREAS, Sid Blalock enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-eight years, JoNelda Williams Blalock, and was the proud father of Dana Blalock Hughes, Kevin Blalock, and Julie Blalock and beloved grandfather of David, Karley, Karson, Bryson, and Dylan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blalock 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 gentleman 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 Sidney Alvin Blalock, 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. Blalock.

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