

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 828

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Billy Joe Lamb of  
Cookeville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Billy Joe "Red" Lamb; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lamb 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 on October 4, 1930, in Putnam County, Red Lamb was raised on Phifer Mountain in a large, close-knit family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lamb entered the construction industry as a diesel shovel operator for McDowell-Purcell, Inc. and, for twenty-five years, worked with dedication and commitment and demonstrated the professionalism, ability, and integrity for which he will be so fondly remembered; and

WHEREAS, Red Lamb then served with acumen and alacrity for thirty years as a dedicated employee of the Putnam County Highway Department, building roads and constructing highways, including Interstate 40, and earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he worked tirelessly to make safer roads and a brighter future for the good people of Putnam County by using his construction expertise and good judgment. He rose to serve the role of Putnam County Road Supervisor, a position he ably held for the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Red Lamb was an active and devout member of the Poplar Grove Baptist Church, where he faithfully served his Lord for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Velma Hunter Lamb; two sisters, Louise Anderson and Willene Lamb; three brothers, Bobby Lewis Lamb, Paul Lamb, and Jerry Don Lamb; and a brother-in-law, Billy Earl Vaden; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lamb is survived by his beloved wife of more than fifty-nine years, Nell Farley Lamb; his children and their spouses, Jan Matlock, Steve and Debbie Lamb, and Bruce and Donna Lamb; his seven grandchildren, Rachael Lamb, David Lamb, Hannah Lamb, Jason Matlock, LCpl Samuel Lamb, Reygan Lamb, and Keelie Lamb; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Bob Nickens, Shirley Vaden, and Sue and George Sprouse; his brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Sue Ray Lamb; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Red Lamb 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 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Billy Joe "Red" Lamb, 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. Lamb.

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