

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1131

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Peter Eric O'Hare.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Peter Eric O'Hare; and

WHEREAS, Peter Eric O'Hare 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, Mr. O'Hare served with acumen and alacrity as an employee with Hewlett-Packard for twenty-five years in the area of data center management, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a decorated military veteran, Peter Eric O'Hare served in the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Reserve, with forty years of service and a retirement rank of CWO5, of which there are few; and

WHEREAS, as a U.S. Marine, Mr. O'Hare participated in both Desert Storm operations and several other conflicts during his military career; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished pilot, he had thousands of hours of flight time in multiple aircraft types, both fixed wing and rotor wing, and was active in the air show world as a performer and as a director; and

WHEREAS, Mr. O'Hare directed the Hawaii Armed Forces Airshow, which is held at Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, four times, most recently in 2022, and he founded the Hixson Museum of Flight at Dallas Bay over a decade ago, with the intent to increase the awareness of flight while also supporting the local children's hospital; and

WHEREAS, devoted to aviation, he helped numerous young men and women enter and advance their careers in either aviation or the military, and he flew countless chronically ill children himself to give them the experience of flight; 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, Mr. O'Hare enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Susan O'Hare, and was the proud father of Savannah Mello; and

WHEREAS, Peter O'Hare 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Peter Eric O'Hare, 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. O'Hare.

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.