

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 687

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Reverend Carson Dewitt Sampley of Monterey.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Reverend Carson Dewitt Sampley; and

WHEREAS, Carson Dewitt Sampley 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, Carson Dewitt Sampley was born July 8, 1926, in Monterey to John Lowery and Linnie Jewell Henry Sampley; and

WHEREAS, a true American patriot, Carson Dewitt Sampley was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, who served in the Pacific Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Carson Sampley spent his professional career with the former Kerns Bakery as the company's route salesman/supervisor, a position from which he retired after thirty-five years of commendable service; and

WHEREAS, for several years, Revered Sampley worked with the Putnam County Election Commission as a poll worker and with the Horner Funeral Home as a funeral assistant; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Carson Dewitt Sampley was an active and devout member of Woodcliff Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as pastor; and

WHEREAS, he honorably served as the pastor for several churches during his ecclesiastical career, including Cumberland Missionary Baptist Church, Brotherton Baptist Church, Mount Union Missionary Baptist Church, Sand Springs Baptist Church, and Fellowship Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, best known in the Upper Cumberland area as a beloved Baptist preacher, "THE PARSON," began his ministry in the late 1950s, leading numerous revivals and conducting hundreds of weddings and funerals for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to preaching, Reverend Sampley enjoyed sharing the gospel through music; he sang and played the autoharp at nursing homes, senior citizens centers, and various other gatherings; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Reverend Sampley was a fifty-year member of the Monterey Masonic Lodge 751 F&AM; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Reverend Carson Dewitt Sampley always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Carson Dewitt Sampley enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of almost sixty-four years, Doris Welch Sampley; and was the proud parent of four sons, Richard (Judy) Sampley, Mark (Becky) Sampley, Stephen (Jennifer) Sampley, and John (Connie) Sampley; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his eight grandchildren, Emily (Jason) Drubaker, Julie (Paul) McMullen, and Allison, Victoria, Elizabeth, Sarah, Andy, and George Sampley; and three great-grandchildren, Caroline Drubaker, William Drubaker, and David McMullen; along with a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Carson Dewitt Sampley 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Reverend Carson Dewitt Sampley, 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 Reverend Sampley.

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