

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 866

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James W. Brummett of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James W. Brummett; and

WHEREAS, James Brummett 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, the son of Clyde and Lillian Brummett, Mr. Brummett began his career selling trucks at Knoxville Mack and serving as sales manager at the South Kentucky Mack in Somerset, Kentucky; in 1989, he opened James Brummett Insurance, which still remains in the family's operation; and

WHEREAS, he was an individual who cared deeply for the places where he lived, and he spent time serving on both the Oliver Springs City Council and the Roane County Commission, the latter of which he was elected to in 2006 and served as chairman for three terms; one of his greatest accomplishments included his leadership as Vice Mayor of the City of Oliver Springs; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career, he still spent much of his time serving others and participating in the community; he donated land for the site of the new Oliver Springs Academy and was a former member of the Oliver Springs High School Band Booster Club; and

WHEREAS, his passions, interests, and beliefs were varied; he was a massive supporter and fan of Oliver High School athletics, as well as the school's band program, and his greatest joys were often found in spending time with family or watching NASCAR; and

WHEREAS, he remained a member of the Oliver Springs United Methodist Church for his entire life, guided by his faith and devoting himself completely to the Lord; and

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

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Susan Brummett, as well as his daughters Cyndy (Greg) Steele, Becky (Steve) Devaney, Amy (Matt) Gaskins, Rachel (Michael) Dye, and Alice Fox; son, David (Kareta) Brummett; grandchildren, Bailey Bayne and Dakota, Bethany Warwick and Parker, Julia Steele, Abe Gaskins, Kobe Dye, Clayton Devaney, Gracie Dye, Anthony Fox, Kai Brummett, and Kadyn Brummett; and sister-in-law, Carol Moats; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his first wife and high school sweetheart, Darlene Brummett, in addition to his parents and his parents-in-law, Roy and Lena Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brummett 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James W. Brummett, 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. Brummett.

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.