



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 751

By Senators Henry, Haile

and

Representative Gilmore

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Edward Ray Bowles, Sr., of Gallatin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Edward Ray Bowles, Sr., an insurance agent and financial planner who attained the very pinnacle of his profession through hard work, acumen, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowles began his illustrious career with National Life and Accident Insurance Company in 1951 at the age of nineteen; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, 1961, 1962, and 1970, he led National Life's entire field force of some 7,500 agents and thus was nominated to the Insurance Salesman's All-Star Honor Roll; he also earned the National Quality Award with an average persistency rate of 97%; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Mr. Bowles joined National Life's sales development staff in the home office as an administrative assistant for advanced sales; in 1967, he was promoted to assistant vice president in charge of sales development and publication, but in 1968, he chose to return to personal production; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowles ultimately founded and operated his own independent agency, National Brokerage Company; on September 26, 1969, he received his Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation from the American College, and in 1970, he completed the CLU Certificate Course in Estate Planning; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowles served his profession as an active member of the National Association of Life Underwriters, president of the Nashville Association, a member of the Life Underwriter Training Council board of trustees, serving as its chairman in 1975, and a member of the program development committee of the Million Dollar Round Table; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Bowles later became a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Round Table, the highest honor afforded to an insurance agent, and in 1978, he was selected "Executive of the Year" by the Nashville Secretaries Association, International; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Mr. Bowles completed the Series 7 examination to market securities, and the following year, he established a new financial planning company, Financial Consultants of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowles also founded and provided leadership to numerous small businesses, in areas such as banking, manufacturing, sales, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, as a child, Mr. Bowles attended Grace Baptist Church in Nashville and became a Christian at the age of fifteen; and

WHEREAS, after moving his young family to Hendersonville in 1951, he became an active member of Hendersonville First Baptist Church, teaching an adult Sunday school class for thirty-five years and serving as a deacon and on church committees; he also led the establishment of a local chapter, Middle Tennessee Tres Dias, of Tres Dias International, an international Christian organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowles regarded his family as his greatest legacy, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father, Pat Bowles, Sr.; mother, Susie Estelle Bowles Brown; brothers, Pat Bowles, Jr., and Joe Bowles; and son, Michael David Bowles; and

WHEREAS, Edward Ray Bowles, Sr., is survived by his wife, Evelyn Jean Pendergrass Bowles; children, Edward Ray Bowles, Jr. (Margaret), Deborah Jean Bowles Carney (Jeff), and Mark Timothy Bowles (Vicki); grandchildren, Jeffery Lynn Carney II, William Foster Carney, Juliana Carney Duncan, Emily Jean Bowles Morgan, Sarah Lou Bowles, Katie Ann Bowles, Mark Timothy Bowles II, Benjamin Hunter Bowles, Jacob Heath Bowles, and Hallie Lynn Bowles; great-grandchildren, Jack Morgan, Madaline Carney, Ellie Duncan, and Maggie Morgan; and sisters, Carolyn Cutrell and Jean Geans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowles 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 this exceptional 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 Edward Ray Bowles, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his outstanding career and his life lived in service to God and family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bowles.

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

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ADOPTED: April 10, 2014



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 16th day of April 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR