

# *State of Tennessee*

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 75

**By Gardenhire, Watson**

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Steve Carroll.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Steve Carroll; and

WHEREAS, Steve Carroll was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who came to fame as an indomitable player for the University of Tennessee football team, but whose success in life beyond the football field was of equal importance and worthy of praise; and

WHEREAS, born on December 4, 1946, to Sanford and Mattie Carroll, Mr. Carroll was a graduate of Chattanooga Central High School, where he played for head coach E.B. "Red" Etter and dominated Chattanooga football; and

WHEREAS, during his senior year, Steve Carroll was named to the All-City, All-District, All-State, and High School All-American football teams; he led Chattanooga Central to its last state championship and twenty-ninth consecutive season without a loss to a Hamilton County school; and

WHEREAS, off the football field, the young man was equally driven and successful, winning election by his fellow seniors to serve as class president and spending many hours mentoring children at the Highland Park Boys Club in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, he enrolled at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, as part of the 1966 freshmen recruiting class for the Volunteers; his fellow freshman teammates included Steve Kiner, Jack Reynolds, Vic Dingus, Don McLeary, Herman Weaver, Manley Mixon, Gary Kreis, Tommy Baucom, Tom Callaway, Mike Jones, Bobby Patterson, Wayne Smith, and Steve Wold; and

WHEREAS, that class was a part of a victorious era for Tennessee football; the Volunteers won Southeastern Conference (SEC) titles in both 1967 and 1969; in their three varsity seasons, the 1966 freshman class never lost a game on the Shields-Watkins Field or to Alabama; they played in the Orange, Cotton, and Gator Bowls; and they had an overall record of 26-6-1, going 15-2-1 against the SEC; and

WHEREAS, nicknamed "Sugar Bear," Steve Carroll wore the number 70 jersey for the Vols and was a three-year letter winner and the 1969 starter at defensive tackle. He was known as a tough, aggressive, and hard-nosed player who was also personable and friendly, a good teammate, and a great defensive lineman; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Carroll was inducted into both the University of Tennessee and Chattanooga Central High School's Sports Halls of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Steve Carroll's exemplary life and work continued after leaving the University of Tennessee; he was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers and later worked as a troubleshooter for FoodPlex in Indiana. He was also employed as an ironworker, helping in the construction of several buildings in Fort Wayne, including Summit Square, Lincoln Life, and General Motors, before retiring; and

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

WHEREAS, the memory of Steve Carroll will be cherished by his loving wife of forty-three years, Patty Carroll; his children, Todd Wetzel, Bryce Wetzel, Lisa Johnson, Kimberly Lehman, Stephen Carroll, Shayne Carroll, and Coreenia Carroll; seventeen grandchildren; sister, Debbie Strahley; brother, Danny Carroll; and a host of extended family, friends, and fans alike; and

WHEREAS, Steve Carroll 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 both on and off the field; 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Steve Carroll, 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. Carroll.

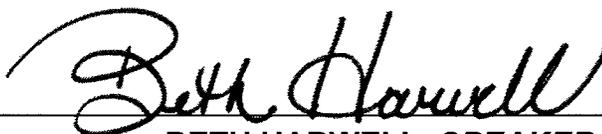
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: February 16, 2017



RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR