



State of Tennessee

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 201

By Representatives Keisling, Windle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ernest Phillips of Huntsville.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ernest Phillips; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips 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, born in New River on January 29, 1941, Ernest Phillips was the son of Floyd Phillips and Ellen and Bernard Brummett; he graduated from Huntsville High School and honorably served in the United States Army as a sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Phillips rendered sterling service as an employee of the Tennessee Department of Safety; he was honored as Officer of the Year in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Phillips was a highly respected member of his community who served as the 3rd District County Commissioner for twenty-eight years; 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. Phillips enjoyed many years of marriage with his loving wife, Betty Sue Phillips, before her passing; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud father of Tiffany Phillips, Tina Jeffers, Mark Watters, Mike Watters, and Chris Phillips; the devoted grandfather of Houston West, Beau Phillips, Elijah Phillips, Presley Phillips, Kayla Watters, Gage Watters, Cody Watters, Jessica Jeffers, Charlsie Miller, Caleb Jeffers, Jacob Jeffers, and Taylor Phillips; and the treasured great-grandfather of Charlie Jeffers, Josiah Jeffers, and Greyson Miller; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Phillips is lovingly remembered by his brothers, Teddy Brummett, Spencer Brummett, and Kermit Phillips, and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Phillips was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Luther Gosnell, and mother-in-law, Ruthie Pemberton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips 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 we 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Ernest Phillips, 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. Phillips.

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: January 27, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Sexton', is written over a horizontal line.

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES