



# State of Tennessee

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 85

**By Representatives Vital, Helton-Haynes, Greg Martin**

**and**

**Senators Watson, Gardenhire**

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Foster Sattler of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Foster Sattler; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sattler 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, James Sattler was born in Detroit, Michigan, to James and Julis Sattler. In his youth, Mr. Sattler lived in Traverse City but later moved to Big Rapids, Michigan, where he graduated from high school and later earned a bachelor's degree at Ferris State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Mr. Sattler was hired by the late Edgar M. Jolley Sr. as the chief financial officer of EMJ, a position in which he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work. Together, the two built EMJ into one of the leading general contractor firms in the country. Mr. Sattler eventually became the president of EMJ in 1982, chief executive officer in 1995, and then the chief executive officer and chairman of the board in 2010. He retired from the corporation in December of 2012 after thirty-six years of service; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement, Mr. Sattler continued to be active within his community, serving on the Leadership Advisory Board of SunTrust, Erlanger Hospital Community Board, the Chattanooga Housing Authority Advisory Board, the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, and a number of other community-focused boards; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the foundation of the southeast Tennessee chapter of Tres Dias based in East Brainerd, and he also traveled to Ukraine and Cambodia to speak on leadership topics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sattler was a devout Christian, sitting on the board of a number of faith-based organizations such as the Christian Network Team, the Chattanooga Chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Athletes in Action, a division of Campus Crusaders for Christ; and

WHEREAS, James Sattler was also 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 wife, Lynda Chapman Sattler; his children, Christina Sattler, Joshua Sattler, Gary (Cristy) Chapman, and Krista (Patrick) Nix; seven grandchildren, Emma Grace Nix (JD) Davis, Haley Chapman, Bo (Izzy) Nix, Caleb Nix, Canaan Chapman, Sara Nix, and Tez Johnson; his twin brother, Jack (Judy) Sattler; his sister, Julie Yarbrough; his nieces, Heather Yarbrough (Shane Patton) and Holli Yarbrough; and several nephews and grand-nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sattler 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,

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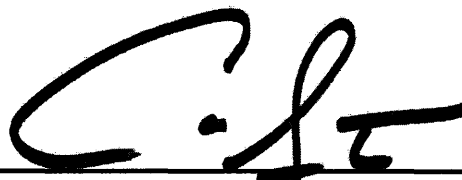
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James Foster Sattler, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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

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.

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ADOPTED: February 9, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR