

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 245

By Carr

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Rex Howard of Pittman Center.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard 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, Mr. Howard served with acumen and alacrity as a small business owner and landscaper, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard was instrumental in establishing the town of Pittman Center in Sevier County, and he was an active member of Pittman Center Ruritan Club and Pittman Center Community Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Rex Howard was an active and devout member of Laurel Branch Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Rex Howard enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Ruby, and was the proud father of Kevin (Denise) Howard, Tammie (Gary) Ledford, and Brenda (Rusty) Oakley; Mr. Howard was proud of his nine grandchildren, Chad Phillips, Chelsi Beckstrom, Erik Beckstrom, Logan Ledford, Lucas Ledford, Brier Howard, Boone Howard, Chase Lipman, and Bailey Lipman, and four great-grandchildren, Bayler, Benett, Laney, and Laila Beckstrom; and

WHEREAS, Rex Howard 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Rex Howard, 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. Howard.

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