



State of Tennessee

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Conrad Powers of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William "Bill" Conrad Powers of Somerville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powers was a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on June 11, 1944, to Earl H. and Icy Powers, Bill Powers graduated from Fayette County High School in 1962 and resided in Fayette County for all of his life; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 1966, he was joined in holy matrimony with the love of his life, Carolyn Powers, and the loving couple enjoyed forty-five years of marital bliss; and

WHEREAS, following the patriotic tradition for which the "Volunteer State" is renowned, Mr. Powers served with courage and an unflinching sense of duty in the National Guard for six years; and

WHEREAS, a leader in the agricultural community, Bill Powers was a life-long farmer and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and raising Beagles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powers distinguished himself as a civic leader and public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work as a Gideon, Farm Bureau board member, and as a coach for Dixie Youth Baseball for five- and six-year-olds; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Bill Powers was a devout member of the Somerville First Baptist Church for thirty-eight years, where he served his Lord as a deacon, Sunday School director, teacher, and member of several committees; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man was deeply devoted to his family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Frankie Holden and Jewel Davis; and his brothers, Houston Powers and Earl Powers, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Bill Powers is survived by his beloved wife; his daughters, Jennifer Sue Walker and her husband Bill, Elisha Puryear and her husband Dean, Audra Powers, and Rachel Powers; and his son, Conrad Powers and his wife Dixie; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powers will also be fondly remembered by his siblings, Sadie Davis, Peggy Cox, Inez Voyles and her husband Mitchell, Valeria Bishop and her husband W.D., and Jimmy Powers and his wife Judy; his grandchildren, William Walker, Hannah Walker, Matthew Walker, Trey Davis, Hayden Powers, and Grant Puryear; and a host of friends, family, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powers 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 the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of William Conrad Powers, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living his life with courage and conviction.

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

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

ADOPTED: May 11, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE