

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 445

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Michael Lynn Starrett of Campbell County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Michael Lynn Starrett, who succumbed to injuries sustained while responding to a fatal crash; his vehicle was hit head-on by a pickup truck moving too fast to heed that accident scene; and

WHEREAS, Detective Starrett was transported to and treated at UT Medical Center for seven days; however, the gravity of his injuries was too devastating, and he passed away on January 30, 2015, at the age of fifty-four; and

WHEREAS, Michael Starrett served with acumen and alacrity as a detective in the Jacksboro Police Department for the past twelve years, and for four years prior, he served Campbell County as deputy sheriff; and

WHEREAS, he was an exemplary public servant and consummate law enforcement officer who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Michael Starrett found law enforcement to be the joy and passion of his life, and he was the founder and president of Sons of Justice Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, as well as past president of the Defenders, Cumberland Gap Chapter; and

WHEREAS, he will be fondly remembered as a generous humanitarian. His giving spirit and actions especially shone through during the Christmas holidays; for twelve years, he oversaw the local Shop with a Cop program, and was particularly committed to sharing the Biblical story and meaning of the Advent time with children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Starrett was an active and devout member of the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as the director of Sunday school; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Starrett enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Jerri, and he was the proud father of one son, Justin; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his parents, A. J. and Janice Starrett; a brother, Myron, and his wife, Tonia; his granddaughter, Atira Ayers; special friends Danny Chapman and MaKayla Wilson; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Michael Starrett 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 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 mourn the passing of Michael Lynn Starrett, 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 deepest sympathies and extend our most sincere condolences to the family of Detective Starrett.

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