

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 290

By Niceley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ray Smelcer of
Jefferson County.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Smelcer 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, Ray Smelcer served with acumen and alacrity as a member of the Jefferson County Commission for more than thirty years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smelcer was first elected to the Jefferson County Commission at the age of twenty-four, at which time he became the youngest person ever elected to serve on that august body; and

WHEREAS, Ray Smelcer was an active and devout member of the Republican party, which he served faithfully for many years. His service to the party included participation in several capacities on the Jefferson County Executive Committee for the Jefferson County Republican Party organization; and

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

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