



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 277

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Kenton Jarvis Hull, Jr.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Kenton Jarvis "Ken" Hull, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Ken Hull 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, a 1956 graduate of White County High School in Sparta, Mr. Hull earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Tennessee Technological University in 1960 and a Master of Education Degree in Supervision and Administration from Middle Tennessee State University in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Ken Hull embarked upon what was to become a long and storied career in music education when he accepted the position of White County High's band director in 1960. During his short term as their director, he led them to the school's first superior ratings in marching and concert band; and

WHEREAS, after teaching at North High School in Nashville during the 1962-63 school year, Mr. Hull became the band director at Two Rivers High School, where over the next eight years, the band increased to 300 members, received consistent superior ratings in numerous categories, and, in 1970, won the Tennessee State Marching Band Championship and the Contest of Champions; and

WHEREAS, when McGavock High School opened in 1971, Ken Hull became its first band director and remained so until he left teaching in 1977 to pursue fundraising for school and youth groups; and

WHEREAS, while standing as the director at McGavock High, Mr. Hull led his bands to numerous awards and accolades, including five consecutive State Marching Band Championships and a 1972 Contest of Champions victory; ninety-six of his musicians were chosen for placement by the Middle Tennessee Clinic Band, while forty-one won All-State honors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Ken Hull held membership in a number of organizations, including the Middle Tennessee Band and Orchestra Association, Phi Beta Mu, which he served as president, and Bands of America, which he served as a board member; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Hull was the recipient of the MAC Award in 1976 and the National Band Association Certificate of Merit for Marching Excellence Award in 1985, and he was inducted into the Tennessee Bandmasters Hall of Fame in 2008, as a member of the same induction class as his brother, Bill, and several of his good friends; and

WHEREAS, a talented musician who was known for his prowess on the clarinet, Mr. Hull played saxophone with Owen Bradley's Dance Band and bass clarinet with the Nashville Symphony; and

WHEREAS, if the true impact of an educator is measured by the educator's impact upon his or her students, then Ken Hull, Jr., was in a class by himself. In July of 2010, more than two hundred of his former students gathered together and performed a surprise musical tribute to Mr. Hull, thanking him for opening to them the wonderful world of music; and

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

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Sandy; and

WHEREAS, Ken Hull, Jr., 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 educator and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Kenton Jarvis Hull, Jr., 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. Hull.

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

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ADOPTED: April 21, 2011

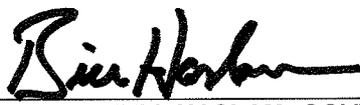


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APPROVED this 26th day of April 2011



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