



State of Tennessee

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Thomas Gilliam Hurley, Sr., of the Somerville Community.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Thomas Gilliam "Tom" Hurley, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurley 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, Tom Hurley was born in Memphis on March 14, 1925, to Edward M. Hurley and Marie Steele Hurley; and

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Catholic High School in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurley served with valor and distinction in the Signal Corps of the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, he was joined in marriage with the former Carolyn Vivian Doyle on August 16, 1947; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurley served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-six years as a Switchman for the Bell South Telephone Company until his retirement in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Tom Hurley graciously donated his time and energies to numerous organizations; he was active for many years in local veterans' activities, including holding membership in the Fayette County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5013; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed camping, gardening, western movies, visiting with his friends, and his family, and he will be remembered for his love of country, his patriotism, and as an amateur radio operator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurley was an active and devout member of St. Philip The Apostle Catholic Church, where he participated in various church activities; and

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

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and a brother, Edward Hurley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurley is survived by his daughter, Madelyn Cleaves; his three sons and their spouses, Thomas G. "Tom" Hurley, Jr., and his wife, Belinda; Patrick E. Hurley and his wife, Peggy; and Joseph D. Hurley; his sister, Marie H. Thayer; his brother, William "Bill" Hurley; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Tom Hurley 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 Thomas Gilliam Hurley, Sr., 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. Hurley.

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