



# State of Tennessee

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 95

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Rex Bond of Brownsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Rex Bond of Brownsville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bond 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 Brownsville native, Rex Bond dedicated himself to local families through his lifelong career as a funeral director and embalmer; and

WHEREAS, beginning at the Brownsville-Bells Funeral Home in 1958, he soon discovered his passion for providing the proper care and respect to clients under such difficult circumstances; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the John A. Gupton School of Mortuary Science in Nashville, where he was president of his class, Mr. Bond became a licensed funeral director and embalmer in 1959. After twenty years with Brownsville-Bells Funeral Home, he rose to become the manager of that fine local institution; and

WHEREAS, shortly after assuming this position, he purchased Brownsville Memorial Gardens and eventually owned the funeral home, before selling the business and joining Lea & Simmons Funeral Home in 2011; and

WHEREAS, with his attention to detail, care, and concern, Mr. Bond treated every case with the utmost dignity and respect and provided much needed comfort to his grieving clients; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to the industry earned him recognition by both the Brownsville-Bells Funeral Home and the Tennessee Funeral Directors Association for fifty years of service to the families of Haywood and Crockett counties; and

WHEREAS, actively involved in his community, Rex Bond was a member of the Ed Worsham Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite, the Tennessee Funeral Directors Association, and Christ Church of Brownsville; and

WHEREAS, an avid painter throughout his youth, Mr. Bond had a gift for capturing the pastoral beauty of rural life and enjoyed many successful years as an artist; and

WHEREAS, he also maintained a strong love for the University of Tennessee football team, his Corvette and motorcycles, and the Hatchie River, the site of his beloved home; and

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

WHEREAS, a faithful and loving family man, Mr. Bond is survived by his wife of eighteen years, Harriet Kizer Bond; his two daughters, Tina Bond and Lura Bond Alyea and her husband, David; and his step-granddaughter, Wendy Alyea; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his two brothers, Thomas Bond and his wife, Sara, and Garland Bond and his wife, Jan; his caregivers, Sammie and Kathaleen Richmond and Walter Richmond; his many friends; and the community that he served for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Rex Bond 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 Rex Bond, 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. Bond.

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

**ADOPTED: April 11, 2012**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE