

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 595

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of E.O. "Bozo" Shelton, Jr.  
of Lawrence County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of E.O. Shelton, Jr., affectionately known by friends and family alike as "Bozo"; and

WHEREAS, "Bozo" Shelton 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, Mr. Shelton served with acumen and alacrity as a police officer for the Lawrenceburg Police force for thirty years, rising through the ranks to Assistant Chief, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his service to the community; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary career in law enforcement, Mr. Shelton also served as Chief of Police of the Ethridge Police Department and saw duty as a firearms instructor, training officer, and SWAT commander; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shelton served as a mentor to many African-American youths in the community and reached out to those in trouble, sharing his compassion and wisdom; and

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

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his first wife, Pat, "Bozo" Shelton enjoyed the loving companionship of his second wife, Jane, and was the proud parent of two children, Bo and Matt; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shelton 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of E.O. "Bozo" Shelton, 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 E.O. "Bozo" Shelton, Jr.

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