

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 210

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Trooper Mark Keith Self
of Jefferson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Mark Keith Self of Jefferson City; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Self was a highly valued, well-respected member of the Tennessee
Highway Patrol, serving bravely for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Mark Self was born on September 4, 1974, the youngest child of Keith Self
and Jo Anita Self of Newport; he had two older sisters, Tammy and Jennifer; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Cocke County High School graduating class of 1992, Mr.
Self attended East Tennessee State University and graduated from Walters State Community
College; he earned his Bachelor of Science degree from King College in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Self began his career in law enforcement in 1993, working under
Sheriff Tunney Moore at the Cocke County Sheriff's Department; from there, he went on to work
for the State of Tennessee Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, now part of the Tennessee
Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, throughout his two decades in law enforcement, Trooper Self proved
himself to be an officer of the highest caliber, rising to the occasion time and again in situations
that called upon his skill and training; and

WHEREAS, in one instance, after a panicked motorist flagged him down on Interstate
40, he helped deliver a healthy baby girl to a grateful couple before an ambulance arrived to
take them to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, three years prior to that, he pulled over an eighteen-wheeler that was
driving thirty miles over the speed limit, discovering soon thereafter that \$1.5 million worth of
cocaine was hidden in the trailer; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to protecting and serving those in his community, Mark Self was named Trooper of the Year for the Fall Branch District in 2011, an honor most befitting his commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of those under his charge; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary public servant and consummate professional, Trooper Self worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, an Emergency Medical Technician, Mark Self was a lifetime member of the Newport Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Self was a Master Mason and earned his Master Mason Degree from Brazelton Masonic Lodge No. 190-Dandridge; he was also a Shriner with the Kerbela Temple of the Shrine of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Mark Self was an active and devout member of Magna View Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of eighteen years, Stacey, and was the proud father of Allison and Andrew; and

WHEREAS, Mark Self 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, though he is sorely missed, he is fondly remembered as a hard-working, humble, and loyal individual devoted to serving others; and

WHEREAS, in the face of such an untimely loss, the loved ones of Mark Self can take comfort in the fact that during his four short decades of life, he lived with integrity, and his courageous, compassionate, and kind spirit will continue to serve as an inspiration for others; 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Trooper Mark Keith Self, 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 Trooper Mark Self.

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