

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1388

By Bowling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mayor Judd Matheny of Coffee County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our colleague former Representative Judd Matheny, who was serving as Mayor of Coffee County at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Judd Matheny was a successful businessman, farmer, and committed public servant who contributed to the health and prosperity of his community in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, prior to his involvement in politics, he served eight years in the Tennessee Army National Guard; he was also an eight-year veteran of law enforcement, having served with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, City of Baxter Police Department, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Drug Task Force, and Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Matheny sought election to the 47<sup>th</sup> House District seat composed of Coffee County and part of Warren County and emerged victorious to serve as a member of the House of Representatives of the 103<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Representative Matheny served eight terms and sixteen years in Nashville, always voting his conscience while seeking to help his constituents, and was House Speaker Pro Tempore for the 107<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, he had served the Coffee County GOP with distinction as its chair, and he was a Republican candidate for Tennessee's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat in 2018; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the good people of Coffee County elected Judd Matheny as their mayor, and he set about establishing better communication within county government and reworking the budget process; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to integrity in government, Mayor Matheny sought to encourage growth and development in Coffee County while preserving its agricultural lands and way of life; and

WHEREAS, giving back to his community in myriad ways, Judd Matheny was a Rotarian and a Mason and a member of the chambers of commerce of Tullahoma, Manchester, and McMinnville; and

WHEREAS, he loved the outdoors and was a member of several hunting organizations, including the National Wild Turkey Foundation and Quail Unlimited; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matheny held a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Excelsior University; and

WHEREAS, he was very proud of his daughters, Abigail and Aulden, and loved them dearly; and

WHEREAS, Judd Matheny 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 the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant who served with distinction at both the state and local levels of government; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Judd Matheny, reflecting fondly upon his legacy of proficient public service and "government of the people, by the people, for the people."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mayor Matheny.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.