

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 29

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Steven Jeffrey Eisen of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Steven Jeffrey Eisen; and

WHEREAS, Steve Eisen 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, Steve Eisen was born in Nashville on May 14, 1958, to Harvey and Ann Eisen. As a youth, he attended Montgomery Bell Academy, where he won multiple national debate championships, participated on the varsity tennis team, and was a member of the honorary fraternity Totomoi; and

WHEREAS, after high school, Mr. Eisen left Nashville to attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he earned his bachelor's degree in economics. Upon completion of his first degree, he continued his educational pursuits, earning a Juris Doctor degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, shortly after graduating from law school in 1983, Mr. Eisen joined Baker Donelson's predecessor firm and was made partner in 1988. During Mr. Eisen's career, he received national recognition for his expertise in banking and financial services, ranging from Chambers USA to Best Lawyers in America. Additionally, he co-authored multiple books on banking and intellectual property and was widely published in banking and business journals, both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, a staunch proponent of community services and pro bono legal work, Mr. Eisen believed in using his legal and banking skills to helping the less fortunate of Nashville. He

served as a dedicated board member for the Exchange Club Family Center and Nashville RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities). He also volunteered his expertise to other organizations, including Jewish Middle School of Nashville, the Economic Club of Nashville and its Economic Club Charities, the Mid-South Liver Alliance, the Baker Donelson Nonprofit Institute, and the West End Synagogue. From 2014 onward, he received the Attorneys for Justice award from the Tennessee Supreme Court for service to nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eisen was an Eagle Scout and a Life Loyal Sig of Sigma Chi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Steve Eisen was a devoted member of the West End Synagogue; and

WHEREAS, he married the love of his life, Gay Levine, in 1988, and their son, Jonathan, was born in 1989. The Eisens' marriage was centered around their mutual loves: their son, travel, the law, and their faith; and

WHEREAS, Steve Eisen was an avid sports fan, an interest that he shared deeply with his son, Jon. He enjoyed playing tennis, softball, and pickleball. His favorite sports team was the one that his son was playing for, and he often traveled the country and the world to watch his son play baseball; and

WHEREAS, a relentlessly dedicated husband, father, grandfather, son, and friend, Steve Eisen will deeply be missed by his wife of thirty-four years, Gay; his son, Jonathan (Lizzie); his grandchildren, Alexander and Elliott; his brother, Lorne (Jodi); his parents, Harvey and Ann; and his nephews and nieces, Matthew Eisen (Mary-Patton) and Davis, Scott Eisen, Iris Levine (Aaron Pomerance), and Max Levine; and

WHEREAS, Steve Eisen 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 we should 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Steven Jeffrey Eisen, 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. Eisen.

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.