

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 34

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Chief Master Sergeant Dave Anderson, Sr., United States Air Force (Ret.) of Anderson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Chief Master Sergeant Dave Anderson, Sr., United States Air Force (Ret.); and

WHEREAS, Dave Anderson 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, born in Jacksonville, Florida, on December 2, 1947, Dave Anderson was the son of John William and Francis Anderson; and

WHEREAS, an Air Force veteran who courageously served his country for twenty-eight and one-half years, Mr. Anderson retired from military service as Chief Master Sergeant; he supervised the Knoxville Military Entrance Processing Station, served on the Administrative Nuclear Inspection Team, and served as the director of medical readiness; and

WHEREAS, from 1997 until his passing, Dave Anderson worked for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services (DCS), where he served in a host of capacities, including as case manager, program coordinator, protective services manager, regional investigator, and supervisor for the DCS Internal Affairs; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Anderson County, Mr. Anderson was a highly respected member of the Oak Ridge community; he served as president of the Oak Ridge-Anderson County NAACP, host of the 73rd Statewide NAACP Convention, member of the Green McAdoo Cultural Center board, and secretary for the EMS Audit Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished Toastmaster, he performed over 100 Toastmaster presentations, acted as chief judge while serving as the District 63 area governor, and was awarded Toastmaster of the Year; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Anderson was selected for the 2020 Bridge Builder Award by the Tennessee State Conference NAACP in honor of his exemplary service as president of the Oak Ridge-Anderson County NAACP, in which capacity he dedicated his time to building relationships between the NAACP unit and the community; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2020, the Anderson County Board of Commissioners issued a resolution proclaiming November 20 as "Dave Anderson, Sr. Day" in Anderson County to honor Mr. Anderson's tremendous life accomplishments, military service, dedication to less fortunate children, work for the advancement of marginalized people, and love for his beautiful family and the Oak Ridge community; and

WHEREAS, known by family and friends as an accomplished and critically acclaimed grill master whose smoked catfish and fried ribs were unparalleled, Dave Anderson enjoyed the company of his community; many Oak Ridge and Anderson County residents have been invited into the Andersons' home, where friendship, love, and good food are ever-present; and

WHEREAS, a member of C.C. Russell Lodge No. 262 and Sublime Prince of Alcoa Consistory No. 175, Mr. Anderson, known as "DJ Dave" in his community and "Big Dave" and "Mr. A" to his coworkers, was an avid Florida Gator fan. He was also a great fan of his nephew, Tee Higgins, who is a wide receiver for the Cincinnati Bengals; and

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

WHEREAS, in addition to his loving wife, Odessa Stewart Anderson, Mr. Anderson is survived by his children, Valerie Anderson, Lena Terrell Anderson, Kimesha Stewart, and David (Asia) Anderson; and his grandchildren, TaKiyah "Special Punkie Wonky" Stewart, Jessieva Jennings, Ciara Monroe, Veronica Anderson, Michaela Anderson, David Anderson III, Catherine Anderson, and Jamie Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Dave Anderson 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 and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Chief Master Sergeant Dave Anderson, Sr., 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. Anderson.

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.