

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 176

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Garry Jerome Stafford.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Garry Jerome Stafford; and

WHEREAS, Garry Stafford 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 on April 17, 1968, in Indianapolis, Indiana, Mr. Stafford was the son of James Stafford and Irma Jean LeSure-Stafford; he professed his belief in Christ at an early age at the Liberty Missionary Baptist Church in Coldwater, Mississippi, and later became a member of the Brown Missionary Baptist Church in Southaven, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, a 1987 graduate of Fairley High School, Garry Stafford obtained his associate degree from Southwest Tennessee Community College; he thereafter made a career as a realtor and obtained a successful portfolio in real estate sales, investments, and property management; and

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

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his mother; his grandmother, Flora DeVasher; his sister, Margo (Michael) Former; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his father, Mr. Stafford was preceded in death by his grandparents, Roger and Jennie B. LeSure; and

WHEREAS, Garry Stafford 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Garry Jerome Stafford, 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. Stafford.

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.