

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 231

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Command Sergeant Major Robert Louis Hatcher of Clarksville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Command Sergeant Major Robert Louis Hatcher, United States Army (Retired); and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Hatcher 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 January 30, 1938, in Memphis, Robert Hatcher was the son of Benny Hatcher and Pearline Tate; he earned his bachelor's degree from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Robert Hatcher proudly served his country in the United States Army and was stationed throughout the United States and abroad, including one tour of duty in Korea, two tours of duty in Vietnam, and three tours of duty in Germany; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Hatcher was the recipient of the Legend of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal 6th Award, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with four campaign stars, the Driver and Mechanic Badge, and three Overseas Service Bars; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement in June 1979, Command Sergeant Major Robert Hatcher returned to Clarksville and taught at Fort Campbell High School for more than twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong member of the NAACP, Command Sergeant Major Hatcher was an officer in the Clarksville branch for thirty-one years, including a tenure as president; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Command Sergeant Major Robert Hatcher was a member of the Montgomery County Tennessee Rehabilitation Center Advisory Board for six years; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Hatcher was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Hatcher enjoyed the loving companionship of Lillian Hatcher, his wife of fifty-eight years, and was the proud father of Robert Louis Hatcher, Jr., Carlos C. Campbell, Denese Walker, and Claudia Adams and the treasured grandfather of Jason, Logan, Alyssa, Greyson, Isaac, and Carlos, Jr.; he is lovingly remembered by his sister, Mattie Murphy; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Hatcher was preceded in death by his parents and his children Daniel Campbell, Faye Garnett, and Rita Webb; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Robert Hatcher 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Command Sergeant Major Robert Louis Hatcher, U.S. Army (Retired), 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 Command Sergeant Major Robert Louis Hatcher, U.S. Army (Retired).

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