

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 474

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ron Lollar, an honorable and astute member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, the late Representative Ron Lollar epitomized the ideal of the devoted and effective public servant; he took his obligations as an elected official as a sacred trust, and he performed each of them with the utmost integrity, probity, and industry; and

WHEREAS, Ron Lollar's dedication to his legislative district, his fellow citizens, his community, and his State was absolute and unwavering; he achieved a great deal in both his public and personal life, touching the lives of countless Tennesseans during his tenure in the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, born in Jackson on August 13, 1948, Ron Lollar earned his associate's degree from Jackson State Community College and his Bachelor of Science degree from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, he honorably served this country as a member of the United States Marine Corps from 1967 until 1971; he was later a Staff Sergeant in the Ceremonial White House Guard and served two years in the Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, during his years of military service, he received a number of ribbons and commendations, including the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Navy Commendation Medal W/V, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal, the Vietnamese Campaign Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit citation; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished manager, Ron Lollar distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 99<sup>th</sup> House District, whom he served as a member of the 105<sup>th</sup>, 106<sup>th</sup>, 107<sup>th</sup>, 108<sup>th</sup>, 109<sup>th</sup>, and 110<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Lollar rendered sterling service as chair of the House Wildlife Subcommittee, the House General Subcommittee of Conservation and Environment, and the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee and as vice chair of the House Conservation and Environment Committee and the House K-12 Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lollar also served with distinction as a member of the House Agriculture Committee, the House Education Committee, the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, the House Education Instruction and Programs Committee, the House Education Administration and Planning Committee, the Joint Education Oversight Committee, the House Higher Education Subcommittee, the House Special Initiatives Subcommittee, and the House General Subcommittee of Education; and

WHEREAS, Ron Lollar served his community as a three-term member of the Shelby County School Board, chair of the Tennessee Legislative Network, and charter member of the Arlington Kiwanis Club; he was a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council, the Tennessee School Boards Association Board of Directors, Gideon International, the Memphis Jaycees, and Free and Accepted Masons Masonic Lodge, Park Avenue No. 362; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Ron Lollar was the recipient of the Clarksville Civitan Award and the Level V Boardmanship Award from the Tennessee State School Boards Association and was awarded State Lifetime PTA membership; and

WHEREAS, he evinced his devout religious faith as a member of Faith Baptist Church, which he served as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, Ron Lollar shared many happy years with his beloved wife, Brenda, and he was the proud father of three children; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service in the House of Representatives, Representative Lollar worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it most appropriate to honor the memory of the late Ron Lollar, remembering his exemplary tenure in this august body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ron Lollar and commend his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

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

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