

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 834

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Command Sergeant Major Sidney Rubin Brown, United States Army (Ret) of Clarksville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Command Sergeant Major Sidney Rubin Brown, United States Army (Ret); and

WHEREAS, Sidney Brown 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 Birmingham, Alabama, on July 24, 1931, Sidney Brown was the son of Sidney Brown and Queen Dunn Brown; in 1950, he joined the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, following basic training in Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Airborne School in Fort Benning, Georgia, he deployed with the 101st Airborne Division to Little Rock, Arkansas, amid the desegregation battle; and

WHEREAS, during his thirty years of service, Mr. Brown completed many deployments, including two tours to Vietnam, two tours to Germany, and two to Korea; before retiring as a Command Sergeant Major, he was decorated and awarded with numerous medals, badges, and awards; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement, he settled in Clarksville; in 1985, he graduated from Austin Peay State University (APSU) with a Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Montgomery County, Sidney Brown was a highly respected member of the Clarksville community; he served as the Montgomery County Commissioner of District 9 from 1994 until 2002, during which time he promoted a number of initiatives, including a veterans nursing home, which was opened in 2016 after more than a decade of lobbying by Mr. Brown; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was also a member of the Clarksville Montgomery County School Board, the Fort Campbell Historical Foundation, the Tennessee-Kentucky chapter of the Association of the United States Army, and the APSU President's Circle of Advisors; he was the past president and life member of the Triple Nickels Parachute Infantry Association, a life member of the National 9th and 10th Buffalo Soldier (Horse) Cavalry Association, and National Parliamentarian under the leadership of Colonel Franklin Henderson and the late President Harold Cole; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2019, the Clarksville City Council renamed Birchwood Park "CSM Sidney R. Brown Park at Birchwood" in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Brown was an active and devout member of Community Chapel of Fort Campbell; and

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

WHEREAS, a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great grandfather, he is survived by his wife, Jimilla Brown; children, Gary Michael Gipson, William Dewayne Gipson, Ronald Rubin Brown, and Sidnea Janelle Powell; grandchildren, Jaqueline Thomas, Nichole Winn, Antonio Collins, Rinata Jackson, Johnny Powell, Jr., Dante Powell, Ashley Gipson, Alexis Gipson, Ayanna Butler, Ajah Butler, and William Gipson, Jr.; fourteen great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl Brown Ceasar; his brother, Wilson Brown; and his sister, Margaret Smoot; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Brown 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Command Sergeant Major Sidney Rubin Brown, 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. Brown.

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.