

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 990

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Alexei Navalny.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Alexei Navalny; and

WHEREAS, Alexei Navalny was a prominent Russian opposition leader, lawyer, and pro-democracy activist, founder of the Anti-Corruption Foundation, and political prisoner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Navalny bravely faced repeated attacks, detainment, and legal challenges as a result of his political activities and his criticism of the Russian government, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to his principles in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, his efforts to promote transparency and accountability exposed numerous instances of rampant abuse, corruption, and human rights violations within the Russian government, which made him a central figure in the fight against governmental abuse of power; and

WHEREAS, in August 2020, Alexei Navalny was poisoned with a nerve agent—an act widely condemned by the international community and seen as an attempt on his life due to his political activism and opposition to the Russian government; and

WHEREAS, after recovering from the poisoning in Germany, Mr. Navalny voluntarily returned to Russia in January 2021, at which time he was immediately arrested and subsequently sentenced to imprisonment on charges widely regarded as politically motivated; and

WHEREAS, Alexei Navalny sacrificed his life in pursuit of exposing corruption, advocating for democracy, and championing human rights in the face of authoritarianism in Russia; and

WHEREAS, despite severe personal risks, including arrests, imprisonment, and poisoning, Mr. Navalny continued his activism, embodying resilience and courage in the face of overwhelming hardship until his death; and

WHEREAS, the international community recognizes the importance of solidarity with those who courageously stand against oppression and the imperative to condemn actions that violate fundamental human rights and international norms; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the life, courage, and sacrifice of Alexei Navalny and his fight against corruption, advocacy for human rights, and efforts to promote free and democratic elections in Russia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Alexei Navalny and to all those who knew him.

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.