

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1250

By Carringer

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Eric Robertson of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Eric Robertson, a former high school and collegiate basketball star who taught at Powell High School in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, only twenty-eight years of age at the time of his death, Eric Robertson served as a Spanish teacher at Powell High School and as an assistant basketball coach at Grace Christian Academy, but he was so much more than just his profession; and

WHEREAS, he will be fondly remembered as a fantastic man who made a lasting impact on his community and a special person who had a bright and promising future as an educator; and

WHEREAS, as a student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), Eric Robertson demonstrated compassion and generosity well beyond his years; he often used his meal card to purchase chicken sandwiches and then deliver them personally to members of Chattanooga's homeless community; and

WHEREAS, a native of Huntsville, Alabama, Mr. Robertson played on a state championship basketball team at Lee High School and afterwards continued to excel in the sport at both the collegiate and professional levels; and

WHEREAS, a guard on the UTC Mocs team that played in the 2016 NCAA tournament, Eric Robertson scored twelve points in Chattanooga's Southern Conference championship win that year and was one of the conference's top marksmen over his final three seasons; and

WHEREAS, after his college days, Mr. Robertson was a point guard for Leicester in the British Basketball Playoffs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his excellence as a teacher and coach, Eric Robertson leaves behind a meaningful legacy that centers on his wife, Jerica, and one-year-old son, Luca James; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional teacher, coach, husband, father, 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 Eric Robertson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and the joy he brought to everyone fortunate to know him.

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

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.