

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7051

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ronald Eugene Taylor of Memphis.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ronald Eugene Taylor of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Taylor 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 on November 12, 1958, Mr. Taylor was the son of Verdell Echols Taylor and Howard Richardson and the fourth of eight siblings; he graduated from Melrose High School in 1976 and thereafter attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville before transferring to Christian Brothers University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in respiratory therapy; and

WHEREAS, devoted to serving others, Ronald Taylor worked as a respiratory therapist at Methodist University Hospital, where he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and patients alike for his kindness and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor confessed his faith in Christ at an early age and was baptized; he joined Prospect C.M.E. Church, where he was a dedicated and active member for more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Taylor was committed to serving his church and community; he helped countless people in a variety of ways throughout his lifetime, bringing them to Christ by providing transportation to and from church and serving meals. He had an extraordinary passion for life and an immense love for his church, family, friends, and coworkers; and

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

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his brothers, Delbert (Delois) Echols and Reginald (Rebecca) Taylor; sisters, Joyce Mickey, Paula (James) Campbell, Pamela (Harold) Amos, and Marlene Todd; aunts, Eunice Bradford and Lou Holloway; uncle, Raymond (Lillie) Richardson; six nieces; two nephews; five great-nieces; and three great-nephews; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by special friends of forty years, Karen Camper, Audrey Smith, Marvin Haliburton, Errol Jones, and Brenda Webster; his godsister, Teri Gipson; and his goddaughter, Tanisha Williams; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Taylor 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 we should 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ronald Eugene Taylor, 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. Taylor.

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.