

HOUSE RESOLUTION 106

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sergeant Major John Wayne Oliphant, Sr., of Burns.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Sergeant Major John Wayne Oliphant, Sr., U.S. Army National Guard, Retired, a gentleman who equipped young men to assume the mantle of leadership as adults; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oliphant was renowned throughout his community as the Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 96 in Burns; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-two years, Mr. Oliphant mentored and taught leadership skills to young men through the Boy Scouts of America; under his watch, forty-one scouts achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, truly a special man, he helped a large number of young men mature into responsible and productive citizens, many of whom have become local and national leaders as adults, including an Air Force Squadron Commander and a Special Operations Warrant Officer, law enforcement officers, lawyers, physicians, nurses, chaplains, and missionaries, as well as loyal husbands, fathers, and brothers; and

WHEREAS, a difference maker in our society, Sergeant Major Oliphant proudly served his country for thirty-seven years in the U.S. Army and the Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, a native of Dickson County, Mr. Oliphant was the son of the late Ernest Eugene Oliphant, Jr., and Elizabeth Jo Work Oliphant; and

WHEREAS, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, Mr. Oliphant is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Robbie Dickerson Oliphant; sons, John Oliphant, Jr., and Dr. Jason (Jamie) Oliphant; grandchildren, Charlie, Nathan, Caitlin, and Mariam; siblings, Linda (Neal) Williams, Judy Wall, and Robert Oliphant; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Oliphant leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity as a mentor and role model for young people; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Sergeant Major John Wayne Oliphant, Sr., U.S. Army National Guard, Retired, reflecting fondly upon his stalwart commitment to the Boy Scouts of America and shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Sergeant Major Oliphant.

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