

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 190

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Marvin Ballin of  
Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Marvin Ballin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballin 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, Marvin Ballin worked with his wife, Sondra Morganstern Ballin, at their dry goods store, Rite Way Department Store, while attending night classes at Southern Law School in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from Southern Law School, he practiced law part time for a few years while continuing to run the store; he later closed the store and became a full-time attorney; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballin was a leader in the legal community and was sought out by many who were charged with a crime; during his more than fifty years practicing law, he touched many lives in the community, never meeting a stranger and always putting others' interests before his own; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Marvin Ballin was the recipient of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Lifetime Achievement Award and the University of Memphis Alumni Association Pillars of Excellence, and he was named Lawyer of the Year; he was so well-regarded in the legal community that the street in front of the courthouse is officially named Marvin Ballin Boulevard; and

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

WHEREAS, Marvin Ballin was the proud father of Roseanne Goodman and Leslie Ballin and the treasured grandfather of Blake Ballin, Devon Jaffe, Jana Weiskopf, and Jennifer Cook; he is lovingly remembered by his brother, Jerry Ballin, and his sister, Ilene Goldstein; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his wife and his grandson, Matthew Goodman; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Ballin 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Marvin Ballin, 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. Ballin.

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