

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 477

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Howard Vincent Black II of Bolivar.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Howard Vincent Black II of Bolivar; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black 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 March 20, 1962, in Jackson, Howard Vincent Black II was the son of Howard Vincent Black and Janet Boone Black; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong Tennessean, Mr. Black was a 1980 graduate of Bolivar Central High School and received his undergraduate degree at the University of Tennessee at Martin and his master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a career public servant, Howard Black was an employee of the State of Tennessee District Public Defender's Office for several years, having previously worked for the Hardeman County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, he proudly served in the Army National Guard for twenty-two years and was heavily involved with the Boy Scouts of America Troop 922 for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black was an active and devout member of the Middleton Church of Christ, which he served faithfully in numerous capacities; and

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

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of twenty-nine years, Cathy Morang Black, and was the proud father of Hannah Black and Roy Vincent Black; and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his sister, Cynthia Black (Errol) Hook; his niece, Amy (Chris) Kimler; his nephews, Errol Michael (Catherine) Hook and John (Ashley) Hook; and several great nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Howard Black 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Howard Vincent Black II, 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. Black.

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.