

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 750

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Paul Edward Meyers II.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Paul Edward Meyers II; and

WHEREAS, Paul Meyers 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, Mr. Meyers served with acumen and alacrity as the Assistant Public Defender for the 26th Judicial District of the State of Tennessee, in which position he earned the respect of his clients, fellow attorneys, and the court alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary young man was participating in the Andrew Jackson Half-Marathon in Jackson, Tennessee, when he suffered a fatal cardiac arrest between mile markers eight and nine; and

WHEREAS, born on November 3, 1978, in Birmingham, Alabama, Paul Edward Meyers II was the son of Gayle Davis Meyers and the late Gregory Paul Meyers; and

WHEREAS, he was a 2001 cum laude graduate of Rhodes College, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and a two-year letterman on the basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meyers received his Juris Doctorate from The University of Mississippi School of Law, graduating in 2004, and began his legal career with the firm of Friedman & Downey, P.C. in Birmingham, Alabama, prior to accepting the position of Assistant Public Defender of the 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District for the State of Tennessee in Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Paul Meyers was an active and devout member of Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years, and he specially enjoyed raising money at Christmas for the Salvation Army; and

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

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his father, Gregory Paul Meyers, and his grandparents, Paul Edward Meyers and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miles Davis, Sr., Paul Edward Meyers II is survived by his mother, Gayle Davis Meyers; his sisters, Julia Meyers, Margie Meyers Davidson and husband Michael, and Laura Ann Meyers Daly and husband Joseph; his grandmother, Mrs. Paul Edward Meyers; and several aunts and uncles along with many other extended family members and a host of dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Paul Edward Meyers II 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 this General Assembly should pause to remember the life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Paul Edward Meyers 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 Paul Edward Meyers II.

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