

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 830

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sergeant David Clay Prescott, Jr., of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Sergeant David Clay Prescott, Jr., a courageous veteran of the United States Marine Corps and member of the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Prescott was an exemplary public servant and consummate military professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of Patricia Ann Prescott and David Clay Prescott, David Clay Prescott, Jr., was a native of Tullahoma and worked for Prescott Bottling and Distribution; and

WHEREAS, David Prescott answered duty's call and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1988, serving with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division until 1992; and

WHEREAS, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty, Mr. Prescott joined the Tennessee Army National Guard in 2006, serving with Detachment 1, Troop E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 278<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, and proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of the citizen-soldier. He mobilized with the 2/278<sup>th</sup> ACR in December 2009; and

WHEREAS, David Prescott's death came most unexpectedly, as he was awaiting deployment to Iraq; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished military career, Sergeant Prescott garnered a number of decorations, including the Combat Action Ribbon, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal—3<sup>rd</sup> Award, the National Defense Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Stars, the Army Service Ribbon, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one Star, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Tennessee Commendation Ribbon—3<sup>rd</sup> Award,

the Tennessee Individual Achievement Ribbon, and the Louisiana Service Medal; the units he served with were awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Navy Unit Commendation—5<sup>th</sup> Award, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation; and

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

WHEREAS, David Prescott, Jr., was the husband of Charity Oliver Prescott and the proud father of Madison Elizabeth Prescott, Madeline Kay Merritt, Hannah Claire Merritt, and Arden Louise Prescott; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Prescott will also be sorely missed by his parents, Patricia Ann Prescott and David Clay Prescott, and his sister, Paige Prescott Graham; and

WHEREAS, this heroic Tennessean 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, Sergeant Prescott's courageous service to his country stands as an enduring example of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our Nation at the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sergeant David Clay Prescott, Jr., a man of impeccable character and limitless courage who stalwartly committed himself to the defense of his nation and reflect fondly upon his bravery and dedication 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 Sergeant Prescott.

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