

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 891

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judge Harold M. Wimberly, Jr., of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Judge Harold M. Wimberly, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Judge Harold Wimberly 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, a graduate of West High School, Judge Wimberly received his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee and obtained his legal degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law, gaining admission to the bar in 1966; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished member of the bar, Judge Harold Wimberly began his career on the bench as a General Sessions Court Judge in Knoxville before being appointed by Governor Ned McWherter to the Second Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial District, where he served from 1987 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected jurist, Judge Harold Wimberly received the Bill Williams Service Award for outstanding achievement in adoption from the Tennessee Department of Children's Services in 2013; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman of many talents, Judge Wimberly was a scholar, a musician who played both organ and piano, a world traveler, and an accomplished photographer; he loved Elvis, photography, and the law; and

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

WHEREAS, a devoted husband and father, Judge Harold Wimberly enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Sarah, and his son, Harold Christopher; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Nettie Lee Wimberly; and

WHEREAS, Judge Harold Wimberly 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 Judge Harold M. Wimberly, Jr., 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 Judge Wimberly.

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.