



State of Tennessee

SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

By Representatives Thompson, Camper, Chism, Coley, Cooper, DeBerry, Hardaway, Lamar, Leatherwood, Miller, Parkinson, Towns, Vaughan, White, Baum, Beck, Boyd, Bricken, Byrd, Carr, Cepicky, Clemmons, Crawford, Curcio, Daniel, Dixie, Doggett, Dunn, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Freeman, Gant, Garrett, Griffey, Grills, Hakeem, Halford, Hall, Haston, Hawk, Hazlewood, Helton, Hicks, Matthew Hill, Timothy Hill, Hodges, Holsclaw, Holt, Howell, Hulsey, Hurt, Jernigan, Curtis Johnson, Gloria Johnson, Keisling, Kumar, Lafferty, Lamberth, Littleton, Lynn, Marsh, Mitchell, Moody, Moon, Ogles, Potts, Powell, Powers, Ramsey, Reedy, Rudd, Rudder, Russell, Jerry Sexton, Shaw, Sherrell, Smith, Sparks, Staples, Stewart, Tillis, Todd, Travis, Van Huss, Weaver, Whitson, Williams, Windle, Wright, Zachary, and Mr. Speaker Sexton

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of W.D. Merritt of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of W.D. Merritt; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt was a highly regarded citizen and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a law enforcement professional, Mr. Merritt enjoyed a distinguished twenty-eight-year career with the Memphis Police Department and, in 2013, joined the Criminal Investigation Division of the District Attorney's Office as a criminal investigator, assigned to the District Attorney's Special Prosecution Unit; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Memphis Police Department, W.D. Merritt spent ten years with the uniform patrol, five years as a sergeant with the robbery squad, and thirteen years as a sergeant with the homicide squad; and

WHEREAS, his work with the District Attorney's Office saw him assist prosecutors in preparing cases for trial by locating witnesses, serving subpoenas, performing background checks, securing evidence, and testifying, if needed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of W.D. Merritt, 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. Merritt.

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.

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ADOPTED: August 12, 2020



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17th day of August 2020



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR