A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of George Douglas “Doug” Whaley of Harriman.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of George Douglas “Doug” Whaley; and

WHEREAS, Doug Whaley 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. Whaley was the son of the late George V. and Carrie Lee Whaley; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Doug Whaley joined the United States Army after graduating from South Harriman High School and served from 1954 to 1956; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation with a bachelor’s degree in industrial technology from Tennessee Tech University, Mr. Whaley served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for Knoxville City and Knox County school systems, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he retired in 1992 after thirty years of teaching; and

WHEREAS, Doug Whaley was the owner and operator of Williams Greenhouse, in partnership with his wife, Helen, with whom he enjoyed loving companionship for sixty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whaley was an active and devout member of South Harriman Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Doug Whaley was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; he is survived by his wife, Helen Whaley; son, Steve (Sharon) Whaley; and grandchildren, Nick, Julianne, and Andrew; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whaley was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Harold Whaley; sister, Carol Tedder; and daughter, Jane Whaley; and

WHEREAS, Doug Whaley 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 legislative body 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, that we honor the memory of George Douglas “Doug” Whaley, 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 Doug Whaley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.
ADOPTED:  August 12, 2020

RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE