



State of Tennessee

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 92

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION relative to designating the "Don Spain Media Gallery" in the Cordell Hull Building.

WHEREAS, the late Don Spain was a distinguished political photojournalist, successful businessman, and the senior member of the Capitol Hill Press Corps at the time of his passing, having covered Tennessee State government and the General Assembly for more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, known and beloved by citizens across the State of Tennessee, Mr. Spain was the owner of Capitol Media Service and the producer of *Legislative Report*, the long-running weekly recap of activities in the General Assembly that was broadcast statewide on public television stations; and

WHEREAS, Don Spain was a trusted professional who rightfully earned the respect of everyone on Capitol Hill, including legislators, legislative staff, and lobbyists, as well as his media colleagues, for the exceptional quality of his work and his dedication to journalism; and

WHEREAS, via Senate Resolution 234 of the 106th General Assembly, this body named the press and archives area of Legislative Plaza 12/14 to honor the memory of Don Spain; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the General Assembly has relocated its offices to the Cordell Hull Building; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spain was one of the finest journalists this State has ever produced; thus, the memorial designation in his honor should now be replicated in the Cordell Hull Building; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that the area reserved for the use of the press corps and the State Library and Archives in the rear of Senate Hearing Room I in the Cordell Hull Building is hereby designated the "Don Spain Media Gallery" in honor of an exceptional journalist and even more accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Facilities Management for the General Assembly is directed to erect or affix an appropriate sign designating such area of Senate Hearing Room I as the "Don Spain Media Gallery".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of Facilities Management for the General Assembly.

ADOPTED: **March 19, 2020**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy McNally".
RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE