



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36

By Representative Camper

and

Senator Akbari

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Edward Earl Farmer, Jr., of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Edward "Sonny" Earl Farmer, Jr., of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Farmer 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, born in Memphis on February 16, 1954, Sonny Farmer was the son of Edward Sr. and Frances Farmer; and

WHEREAS, he professed his faith at an early age at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church and later moved his membership to Greater New Bethel Baptist Church, where he served as a parking lot attendant; and

WHEREAS, a pleasant and affable gentleman, Sonny Farmer never met a stranger; he enjoyed traveling and watching and playing basketball; and

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

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his three children, Cherie Oakley, Troy Oakley, and Todd Oakley; his sister, Wanda D. Farmer; his brother, Marvin (Tammy) Carr; his nieces, Nechole (Claude) Boone and Monike Holmes; his aunt, Freddie Jean (Floyd) Townsend; his cousins, Reggie Stillman and Terry Carr; his best friend, Doris Guy; his close friend, Edna Hibbler; and a host of other family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Damon Farmer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farmer 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Edward "Sonny" Earl Farmer, 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 Mr. Farmer.

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: February 11, 2021



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of February 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR