



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 188

By Representative Hemmer

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Cole Word of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Cole Word of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, John Word 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 1967 graduate of Hillsboro High School, Mr. Word earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Word served with acumen and alacrity during his tenure with the State of Tennessee, during which time he worked for multiple governors with the Department of Economic and Community Development before his retirement; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished leader in his community, Mr. Word was a cofounder of *Advantage*, a Nashville business magazine; and

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

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, H.G. Word and Virginia Vanhooser Word; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Word will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his sons, John Douglas (Brooke) Word and Christopher Cole Word; his cherished granddaughters, Margot Ruth Word, Mirabelle Virginia Word, and Josephine Edith Word; and his sister, Martha Jane Word; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Word 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Cole Word, 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. Word.

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: March 6, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 14th day of March 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR