



State of Tennessee

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

By Representative Richey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Leffrey Holden Lail of Blount County.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Leffrey Holden Lail; and

WHEREAS, Holden Lail 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 on November 20, 1947, Holden Lail was one of three children born to John Leffrey Lail and Mary Leona Bryant Lail. He graduated from Everett High School in 1965 and attended the University of Tennessee, where he earned his bachelor's degree in education; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Mr. Lail began his teaching career with Blount County Schools. For thirty years, he served in a number of administrative roles, including teacher, assistant principal, and principal at various schools across the county. He retired from the school district as assistant principal and athletic director at William Blount High School; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with Blount County Schools, Mr. Lail coached several sports teams to county championships. He was deeply proud of every student he had the privilege of coaching, and the successes in his coaching career led him to be appointed as elementary basketball tournament director for many years; and

WHEREAS, while serving as an administrator, Holden Lail was one of the first principals in the county to obtain credentials as a Career Level III administrator. He later went on to serve as a Career Ladder Evaluator for the State of Tennessee, and after his retirement from Blount County Schools, he worked for the Exemplary Education Program for the State. He also spent summers as an evaluator of teacher and principal assessments at Princeton University; and

WHEREAS, a community-oriented man dedicated to helping the citizens of Blount County, Mr. Lail was a lifelong member of the Republican Party. He served as Commissioner of the 6th District and especially enjoyed his ability to officiate weddings; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lail was an active and devout member of Laurel Bank Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Rhonda Godfrey Lail; his children, Beth (Trey) Hallman, Alex (Todd) Sangid, and Eddie (Traci) Lail; his nine grandchildren, Courtney Hallman, Hank Hallman, Peyton Hallman, Luke Hallman, Sadee Sangid, Brock Sangid, Rory Shaw, Callaway Glower, and Charlie Lail; and a number of nieces, nephews, lifelong friends, and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and his two siblings, Joyce Carol "Joy" Lail and John Isom Lail; and

WHEREAS, Leffrey Holden Lail 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,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Leffrey Holden Lail, 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. Lail.

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

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ADOPTED: February 27, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Sexton', is written over a horizontal line.

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES