

HOUSE RESOLUTION 20

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jack Ray Blevins of Kingsport.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Jack Ray Blevins; and

WHEREAS, Jack Blevins 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 lifelong resident of the Tri-Cities area, Jack Blevins graduated from Tri-Cities Christian School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blevins served honorably in the United States Marine Corps for eleven years, during which time he completed two deployments to Iraq, and received several commendations, including a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and a Combat Action Ribbon, and he was also the company honor graduate from recruit training; and

WHEREAS, Jack Blevins was an active and devout member of the Avoca Christian Church, and was known for his encouraging and uplifting spirit, his smile, and his love for all people; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blevins 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 wife, Cheri; parents, Penny and Richard Blevins; brother, Robbie Blevins (Serena); grandparents, Jack and Anna Blevins; and many other family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Jack Blevins 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 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Jack Ray Blevins, 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 Jack Ray Blevins.

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