

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 176

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Thomas Murdic of Franklin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Thomas Murdic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murdic 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, prior to his retirement, Thomas Murdic served with acumen and alacrity as an engineer at Nashville's Thermal Transfer Plant, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Murdic was known for his many years of serving as a Walmart greeter, a post highly suited for his gregarious and humorous personality; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected civic leader, Thomas Murdic served as the chair of the Franklin Municipal Planning Commission, and he was a member of both the Williamson County Commission and the Joint Parks and Recreation Committee of Williamson County. He served on the Williamson County Election Commission as a Democratic Party representative and on the county's Regional Solid Waste Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murdic's personal desire to preserve the African American heritage of his ancestors allowed him to lead the first African American Heritage Society, affiliated with the Heritage Foundation of Williamson County. He also helped to initiate the establishment of the McLemore House, the only African American history museum in the county; and

WHEREAS, a passionate stargazer, Thomas Murdic could often be found studying the celestial realm from Vanderbilt University's Dyer Observatory. In addition, via his Facebook

page, Mr. Murdic enjoyed sharing photos of the treasures he captured while searching the night sky with his personal telescope at home; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murdic 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 lifelong love and dear wife, Deborah Murdic, their children, and their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murdic 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Thomas Murdic, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Murdic.

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