

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ottis Lenville Powell of Blount County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ottis Lenville Powell; and

WHEREAS, born on April 2, 1938, Ottis Powell 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, Ottis Powell dedicated forty years of assiduous service to Blount County Schools as a teacher, coach, and administrator for Walland and Heritage high schools; and

WHEREAS, he was the recipient of several honors, including the Regional Golf Coach of the Year award; in 2015, he was inducted into the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame, and in 2018, he became a member of both the Blount County Schools Educator Hall of Fame and the Heritage High School Sports Hall of Fame; and

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

WHEREAS, Ottis Powell enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-one years, Lynn Powell; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, his memory will be cherished by his siblings, his sisters-in-law, his brothers-in-law, many nieces and nephews, his great-nieces and great-nephews, and many special friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Lennie and Ottis Powell; and

WHEREAS, Ottis Powell 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 we should 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 Ottis Lenville Powell, 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. Powell.

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.