

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 49

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judge L. Raymond Grimes of Clarksville .

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Judge L. Raymond Grimes; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ray Grimes 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, Judge Grimes served with acumen and alacrity on the bench of the Montgomery County General Sessions Court and Juvenile Court for twenty-two years, during which time he earned the respect of his community, his peers, and all those appearing in his courtroom for his commitment to the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, L. Raymond Grimes was born in Humboldt to Jack and Dorothy Grimes; he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Coast Guard Reserve and retired at the rank of Lieutenant Commander; and

WHEREAS, Judge Grimes received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Memphis, his master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University, and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, first elected to the bench in August 1998 after practicing law in Clarksville, Judge Ray Grimes heard both General Sessions and Juvenile Court cases and established the Drug Recovery Court in 2005; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to public service, Judge Grimes had previously rendered sterling service as a member of the Montgomery County Commission and was a renowned researcher in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy; and

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

WHEREAS, Judge Grimes enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of twenty-one years, Sharon Tipton Massey Grimes; he was the proud father of Justin C. (Samantha) Grimes, Alyson Grimes (Lon) Chaney, Channing Grimes Wise, Morgan Massey (Jake) Slack, and Rachael Massey and the loving grandfather of Tyler Grimes, Alexandria Grimes, Canon Wise, Claire Wise, Jack Chaney, and Hayes Abbott Chaney; and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his brother, Dr. Marlin (Patricia) Grimes; his father- and mother-in-law, Kellie Tipton and Margie Tipton; his siblings-in-law, Robert (Regina) Tipton, Richard (Michelle) Tipton, Kathy (Randy) Miller, and Margaret (Thomas) Cox; and a host of extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Judge Grimes 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Judge L. Raymond Grimes, 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 Judge Grimes.

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.