

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 96

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Dan E. Hammer of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Dan E. Hammer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hammer 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 native of Chattanooga, Dr. Hammer was the son of the late Owen and Dorothy Webb Hammer; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Emory University, Dr. Hammer attended the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, from which he earned his graduate and doctoral degrees; and

WHEREAS, returning to Tennessee as an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, he served as the campus minister and as a psychology instructor at the prestigious Baylor School in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, following his strong passion and desire to help others, Dr. Hammer dedicated his ministry to helping those in need as a licensed marital therapist, family therapist, and pastoral counselor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hammer served churches throughout the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church with acumen and alacrity; he earned the respect of his colleagues for the exemplary quality of his work while serving as an administrator to the Holston Conference Board of Ordained Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hammer lent his time and energies to a number of statewide and religious boards, dedicating to each his coveted leadership and compassion. He served on the

Board of Directors of Good Samaritan Ministries, The Wesley Foundation at East Tennessee State University, Girls Inc., and served as President of the Tennessee Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapist; and

WHEREAS, noted for his dedication and integrity in the political arena as well, he was elected a City Commissioner for Johnson City in 1991, and served as Vice-Mayor for Johnson City from 1993 – 1995; after leaving elected office, Dr. Hammer continued his life of public service while working with the Johnson City Development Authority and a host of advisory councils throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, he also committed his singular skills to several community and civic organizations; as a member of the Johnson City Rotary Club he was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow; and

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Hammer enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Cheryl Reardon, who survives him; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Samuel Hammer, Dr. Dan Hammer will be fondly remembered by his sister, Susan Moore, and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his father-in-law, James Reardon, and his mother-in-law, Jeannine Voges Allen; and

WHEREAS, he will also be deeply missed by his niece, Elizabeth Hammer Berrier, and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hammer 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 religious leader, public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Dan E. Hammer, 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 Dr. Dan E. Hammer.

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