

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 120

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memories of Chance Black and Zackery Grooms and request the TWRA to erect a marker to memorialize the lives of these two outstanding young men.

WHEREAS, on the morning of January 25, 2021, Chance Black and Zackery Grooms were senselessly murdered at Reelfoot Lake in Obion County; and

WHEREAS, the two sportsmen were hunting during the final week of Tennessee's duck season when the tragic event occurred; and

WHEREAS, born on May 5, 1995, Zackery Paul Grooms grew up in Greenfield in the Shafter community; a graduate of Bethel University, where he played on the baseball and archery teams, he worked as a watermelon farm manager and had aspirations to become a police officer; and

WHEREAS, Chance Lee Black was born on May 2, 1994, to Mark and April Black of Greenfield; a passionate hunter and fisherman, he worked in the gun department at Final Flight Outfitters in Union City and planned to pursue a career in law enforcement as a state trooper; and

WHEREAS, dearly loved by their family and friends, Zackery Grooms and Chance Black leave behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to honor the brief yet well-lived lives of these two young men; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memories of Zackery Grooms and Chance Black, reflecting

fondly upon their impeccable character and their stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we request the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Authority to erect a marker at Maness Swamp Refuge in Weakley County in remembrance of the lives of these two outstanding young sportsmen, Zackery Grooms and Chance Black.