

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 271

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Michael Arthur Perry of Jonesborough.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Michael Arthur Perry; and

WHEREAS, Michael Arthur Perry 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, born in El Dorado, Arkansas, Michael Perry was the son of Joe and Elsie Perry; he attended Southern Arkansas University, where he studied mass communications and was active in the Baptist Student Union; and

WHEREAS, dedicating his life to Christ as a young man, Mr. Perry served as a part-time youth minister while working full time in radio as he pursued his dream to serve God in Christian radio; and

WHEREAS, Michael Perry worked in the radio broadcasting industry for more than thirty-six years in both country and Christian radio formats, including twenty years at WCQR Radio; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Michael Perry was awarded the Gospel Music Association Medium Market of the Year Award three times, and WCQR was awarded the Christian Music Broadcasters Medium Market Station of the Year Award during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Mr. Perry served with acumen and alacrity as the program director and morning show host of Love FM Radio, in which position he earned the respect of his radio listeners and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

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

WHEREAS, Michael Perry enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of twenty-five years, Stacy, and was the proud father of Daniel Perry and Sarah; and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his aunt, Sherry Perry; sister-in-law, Barbara Perry; nephew, Andrew Perry; niece, Brandy Perry Joiner; great-nephew, Jason Perry; great-niece, Ali Reece Joiner; and a host of extended family, dear friends, and devoted listeners; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Tommy D. Perry; his aunt, Joyce Perry; his uncle, Bobby Perry; and his grandparents, Andrew "Jack" and Nellie A. Perry; and

WHEREAS, Michael Perry 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Michael Arthur Perry, 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. Perry.

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