

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 504

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commemorate the lives of Jason Allen Price and John Colby Eledge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly wish to commemorate the lives of Jason Allen Price and John Colby Eledge, two beloved sons of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, blessing and positively impacting everyone who knew them, these outstanding young men were tragically taken from this life in a traffic accident on January 11, 2003, but 2 Corinthians 5:8 reminds us that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord; and

WHEREAS, born on September 5, 1980, to Allen and Karen Price, Jason Price was the brother of Jonathon and Bethany. He went to school at Leoma Elementary School and graduated from Lawrence County High School in 1999; and

WHEREAS, while he was in high school, Jason was a stock boy at Save-A-Lot, and later he worked at Napa Auto Parts. Two weeks before his accident, he started working at Cornerstone Rack and Tooling; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his Lord, Jason accepted Jesus Christ at home in the living room in the presence of his family, including his grandfather, Papa Jessie. Jason was faithful in his Christian walk, and he played in the church's bluegrass band; and

WHEREAS, Jason enjoyed hunting and fishing, but most of all, he loved spending time with his best friend, Colby. They did everything together, including playing their guitars, double dating, making home movies, and going on vacations; and

WHEREAS, the son of Johnny and Nelda Eledge and brother of Nick and Molly, Colby Eledge lived life to the fullest, finding joy and pleasure as he appreciated life every day; and

WHEREAS, Colby was born on March 20, 1981, in Lawrence County and grew up in the Revilo community. He attended David Crockett Elementary School and E. O. Coffman Middle School, and he graduated from Lawrence County High School; and

WHEREAS, he attended Northwest-Shoals Community College, where he received a scholarship to play baseball, and later transferred to Athens State University in Athens, Alabama. After exploring many career options, Colby decided to major in biology and natural resources, dreaming to one day become a game warden; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his Lord, Colby was an active member at his church, and he loved spending time with his family and friends. From the time he was a little boy, Colby loved baseball and all outdoor activities, especially hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, God allowed these two to do everything together, including receiving them from this life as exceptional young men, loving sons, and best friends for eternity; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memories of individuals who have made a positive impact on the people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly have voted to name the bridge on U.S. Highway 64 West, which is approximately one hundred yards east of the entrance of David Crockett State Park, as the "Jason Allen Price and John Colby Eledge Memorial Bridge"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor the memories of these beloved sons and dedicated residents of the City of Lawrenceburg, who tragically lost their lives in a traffic accident near the bridge; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memories and celebrate the lives of Jason Allen Price and John Colby Eledge on the occasion of the dedication of the bridge to be named in their honor.

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