

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1017

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles David Goddard of Dandridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles David Goddard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goddard 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 Morristown in 1975, Charles David Goddard was the son of Charles Gordon Goddard and Jessica Thomas Goddard; after attending Hamblen County Schools and graduating from Morristown West in 1994, he graduated from the University of Tennessee (UT) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography in 1998; and

WHEREAS, after a two-month excursion to Europe with his close friend Russell Moore, Mr. Goddard returned to the states and became a journalist, writing about sports for the *Morristown Citizen Tribune* and the *Cleveland Banner* and serving as an assistant news editor for the *Daily Times* in Maryville; he later worked as an online producer for the *Knoxville News Sentinel* and wrote an opinion column once a month for the Sunday edition of the paper; and

WHEREAS, for a time, he served as the media coordinator at the UT College of Engineering before accepting a position as the science writer for Research Marketing and Communications and became a member of the Faculty Senate; and

WHEREAS, he was passionate about travel, with two particular favorite trips being a visit to Liverpool to tour Beatles history with his wife and son and visiting the Redwood Forest in California with his daughter; he was also an avid sports fan, and his favorite teams were the UT Vols, Atlanta Braves, and the Miami Dolphins; and

WHEREAS, he had an infectious sense of joy and humor and was always dedicated to making others laugh and ensuring his beloved friends and family were cared for; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Goddard enjoyed the loving companionship of Wayna Kyte Goddard, his wife of twenty-one years, and was the proud father of Jessica Elizabeth and Charles Edward; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by his parents; his sister, Connie Spicer; brother-in-law, Steven Spicer; and mother and father-in-law, Wayne and Margaret Kyte; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goddard 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charles David Goddard, 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. Goddard.

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.