

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Monroe J. Carell, Jr., of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Monroe J. Carell, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Carell, Jr., was an exemplary public servant and consummate businessman who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, deeply respected in business and philanthropy, he built Central Parking Corporation into the largest parking company in the world and died peacefully at home after a courageous battle with cancer on June 20, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a Nashville native, Mr. Carell was born October 1, 1931, to the late Monroe Joseph Carell, Sr., and Edith Haswell Carell; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1960s, Monroe Carell assumed control of a small parking operation from his father. He built the company from ten parking lots to more than 4,000 parking facilities, parking an average of 2,000,000 automobiles each day; and

WHEREAS, when Mr. Carell sold the company in May of 2007, Central Parking Corporation was the largest parking corporation in the world and a member of the New York Stock Exchange; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, development of his business, his entrepreneurial vision, and his commitment to philanthropic causes that helped children, Mr. Carell believed firmly and passionately that his own business accomplishment came with a responsibility to help others; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Monroe Carell, Jr., served on the Vanderbilt Board of Trust and was Chairman of Vanderbilt's university-wide comprehensive Shape the Future campaign, the largest and most successful campaign in Vanderbilt's history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carell also served on the Vanderbilt Medical Center Board and the Board of Overseers for the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, and he was an honorary lifetime member of the Board of Directors of the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt; and

WHEREAS, a 1959 cum laude graduate of the Vanderbilt School of Engineering, Monroe Carell, Jr., received the school's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carell's gifts to Vanderbilt included the Ann and Monroe Carell, Jr., Family Chair in Pediatric Cardiology and the Carell Scholarship Fund; Mr. Carell further spearheaded a campaign to raise \$50 million to help establish a new Children's Hospital, which previously had been housed within Vanderbilt University Hospital. The resulting free-standing facility, the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt which opened in 2004, is recognized as one of the top pediatric teaching, research, and treatment institutions in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carell and his family graciously provided a new library for Harpeth Hall School and were founders of Pope John Paul II High School and the Ensworth High School; and

WHEREAS, the Carell family also established the Dogwood Garden and a permanent outdoor sculpture trail at the Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Carell, Jr., and his family donated a new chapel, with beautiful stained glass windows made in Europe, to the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville and provided for the renovation and expansion of the St. Cecilia Motherhouse; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carell was a member of the Board of Directors of Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Fine Arts Center, where he chaired that institution's capital campaign and far exceeded the original goal; he was a member of the Board of Governors of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Downtown Partnership, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, he served as trustee and officer of the Urban Land Institute based in Washington, D.C., as President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Parking

Association, and as a member of the Harvard Graduate School of Design Advisory Committee on Real Estate Development; he also served on the Advisory Board of the Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics at the University of California Berkeley, Haas School of Business; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Links Club in New York and the Belle Meade Country Club and University Club in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his countless contributions to the community, Mr. Carell was recognized with several awards and honors, including the Entrepreneur of the Year from Ernst and Young, which he received in 1998; the Many Faces of Starlight award from the Starlight Children's Foundation in New York, which he received in 1999; the sixth annual Joe Kraft Humanitarian Award from the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, which he received in 2000; the Meritorious Service Award for philanthropist/volunteer, which he received in 2004, and the Nashvillian of the Year award by Easter Seals Tennessee, which he received in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carell's keen interest in tennis led him to serve as the director of the Boys' 16 National Clay Court Tournament held at the Belle Meade Country Club; he served as Vice Chairman of the Junior Tennis Council of the United States, a member of its Budget and Finance Committee, and as treasurer of the Southern Tennis Association; and

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

WHEREAS, Monroe Carell enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-two years, Ann Scott Carell, and was the proud father of Julia Carell Stadler, Edith Carell Johnson, and Kathryn Carell Brown; and

WHEREAS, he was the devoted grandfather of Julia Claire Stadler, George Monroe Stadler, Carell Elizabeth Brown, David Nicholas Brown, William Carell Johnson, and Ann Scott Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carell is further survived by his brother, James W. Carell, and his wife, Jan, and his sons-in-law, George Stadler, David Johnson, and David Brown; and

WHEREAS, a communicant of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Monroe Carell was made a Knight of St. Gregory the Great by Pope John Paul II; and

WHEREAS, greatly respected and admired by his many friends and colleagues, Mr. Carell was truly a gentleman and humanitarian who loved his fellow citizens and took great pride in making his community and State a better place for all; his unmatched record as a philanthropist and business leader stands as a monument to a life well lived; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Carell, Jr., 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 public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mr. Monroe J. Carell, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and stalwart dedication 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. Carell.

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