

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 816

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Doyle Murphy of Henderson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Doyle Murphy; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Murphy 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, the son of James Cecil and Eva Irene Moore Murphy, Mr. Murphy was born on March 8, 1950, in Wynne, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, raised in the Milledgeville area, Doyle Murphy graduated from Adamsville High School in 1968 and the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1972; that same year, he began his teaching and coaching career in Hardin County Schools; and

WHEREAS, moving to Chester County Schools in 1984, Mr. Murphy taught high school history and coached girls' basketball and softball as well as boys' junior high basketball; in 2000, he accepted the position of athletic director, which he held until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Murphy served as the honorary chair of the Chester County Relay for Life in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy was an active and devout member of Unity Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Marilyn Kolwyck Murphy; he was the proud father of Amy Murphy Curlis and Wes Murphy, the treasured

grandfather of Elam Murphy and Erby Anne Murphy, and the beloved brother of Bobby Murphy and Jearlean McKenzie; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; his brother James "Buddy" Murphy; and two infant sisters, Lila Dean Murphy and Patsy Jane Murphy; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Murphy 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Doyle Murphy, 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. Murphy.

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