

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 963

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sergeant William Jace Cherry of Clay County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Sergeant William Jace Cherry; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Cherry was a highly respected member of his community and a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant William Cherry's life was cut tragically short on the morning of July 29, 2023, when he was involved in a head-on collision while on duty on Highway 10, just north of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, born on March 17, 1968, Sergeant Cherry was a resident of the Moss community of Clay County, where he was a beloved friend to all who were fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Cherry was a dedicated officer of the law whose career was marked with integrity, compassion, and steadfast service and protection of all those under his charge; and

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

WHEREAS, Sergeant Cherry is survived by his wife, Aleatheia "Charlie" Fox Cherry; son and daughter-in-law, T.J. and Brittney Lankford; daughters, Alivia Jones and Faith Gentry; grandchildren, Ryder, Conner Jace, Skyler Lankford, and Aubree Goad; parents, Billy and Sue Likens Cherry; and brother-in-law, Dewayne (Kim) Fox; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant William Cherry 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 we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sergeant William Jace Cherry, 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 Sergeant Cherry.

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.