

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 991

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Chris Smith of Nashville.

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

WHEREAS, Chris Smith 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 Atlanta, Georgia, Chris Smith was the son of Shirley Jane Smith and Reuben McNab Smith; he was a graduate of Brentwood Academy and completed his studies at Boston College in three years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to working at his parents' advertising and public relations agency in Nashville, Chris Smith was a volunteer coach for the lacrosse team at Montgomery Bell Academy (MBA); and

WHEREAS, he later joined the staff at MBA, where he worked in communications, student advisory, and coaching, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and students alike for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a former lacrosse Coach of the Year, Mr. Smith was instrumental in establishing a championship-level lacrosse program at MBA and growing the game across the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Chris Smith was a mentor and advisor to hundreds of student athletes, measuring his success by helping others find greatness within themselves; and

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

WHEREAS, in addition to his mother, Mr. Smith is survived by his beloved wife of twenty years, Liz Hankla Smith; his sons, Ben and Hank; his brother, Slaton (Holly); and ten nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, the epitome of goodness and excellence, Mr. Smith was a kind and selfless soul who impacted the lives of those who were blessed to know him with his humility and wit, and he 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 most appropriate 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 Chris Smith, 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. Smith.

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 of Senate designation.