

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 54

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles Richard Franklin Treadway of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles Richard Franklin Treadway; and

WHEREAS, Richard Treadway 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, a board certified psychiatrist and neurologist, Dr. Treadway earned the respect of his colleagues and patients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Treadway was born October 16, 1939, in Louisville, Kentucky, to parents Charles Franklin and Ruby Peeples Treadway; and

WHEREAS, a Vanderbilt University School of Medicine graduate, Dr. Treadway fulfilled his psychiatric residency at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; he later earned a Master's of Business Administration degree from the Jack C. Massey College of Business at Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, after completing his residency in Chapel Hill, Dr. Treadway served as a clinical associate at the National Institute of Mental Health in Washington, D.C. and as an instructor in psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to Nashville, Dr. Richard Treadway was appointed by Governor Winfield Dunn to the position of Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Mental Health, a position in which he served again under Governor Lamar Alexander; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as commissioner, Dr. Treadway modernized the department, tackled problems with care providers, and increased the department's funding; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Treadway was appointed to the National Advisory Mental Health Council in 1973, became associate vice chancellor for Medical Affairs at Vanderbilt University in 1975, and founded Psychiatric Consultants in 1979; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 to 1996, Dr. Richard Treadway served the Hospital Corporation of America as the medical director of Parthenon Pavilion and as vice president of psychiatric operations for the company's Tennessee division; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Dr. Treadway founded Psychiatric Solutions, which he served as Chairman of the Board, with partners, Clayton McWhorter, Joey Jacobs, Bryce DeHaven, and Douglas Lewis, and in 1998, founded Medical Properties of America with Mr. McWhorter, Wayne Buck, and Philip Suiter; and

WHEREAS, from 1996 to 2002, Dr. Richard Treadway practiced psychiatry at the Treadway Clinic until his retirement, after which he continued to provide care for active-duty military personnel and veterans; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded in the medical field, Dr. Treadway served on the boards of numerous professional institutions, including the Board of Trustees at Centennial Medical Center and the Board of Directors of Polaris Hospital Company, the latter of which he served as chief medical officer beginning in 2012; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the inaugural class of Leadership Nashville, Dr. Richard Treadway lent his time and talents to a variety of community organizations, including the Jack C. Massey College of Business Board of Advisors at Belmont University, the Board of Directors of the Cumberland Heights Foundation, and the Board of Directors of the English-Speaking Union of the United States; he also served as the chairman of the board of the Clayton McWhorter Society at Belmont University, as a founder and member of the Canby Robinson Society at Vanderbilt University, and as the founder and president of the Luton Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Treadway was an active and devout member of St. George's Episcopal Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Treadway enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-two years, Jane Montgomery Heifrin Treadway and was the proud parent of Catherine Clark Treadway Morris (Timothy), Charles Franklin Treadway II, and Jane Caldwell Treadway Williams and grandparent of Richard McDaniel Morris, William Montgomery Morris, Sarah Catherine Morris, Brahn Williams, and Brianna Marie Williams; and

WHEREAS, Richard Treadway 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charles Richard Franklin Treadway, 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. Treadway.

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