

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 838

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Senator Reginald Tate.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Reginald Tate of Memphis, a highly successful businessman and civic leader who served his fellow citizens with distinction as a member of the Tennessee Senate representing the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate District during the 105<sup>th</sup>, 106<sup>th</sup>, 107<sup>th</sup>, 108<sup>th</sup>, 109<sup>th</sup>, and 110<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Reginald Tate 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 on September 14, 1954, Reginald Tate earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Memphis and subsequently stood at the helm of the architectural design company Accent by Design, which he served as president and chief executive officer; and

WHEREAS, Reginald Tate served as vice chair of the Health Disparity Committee, the Cocaine and Alcohol Awareness Program, and the Senate Education Committee; he was a member of the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee, the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the Joint Fiscal Review Committee, the Senate Ethics Committee, the Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee, the Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee, the Senate Government Operations Committee, the Joint Fiscal Review Contract Services Subcommittee, and the Legislative Advisory Council of the Southern Regional Education Board; and

WHEREAS, Reginald Tate was a member of the Cover TN Advisory Committee, the Special Joint Committee to Study Professional Boxing, Mixed Martial Arts, Wrestling, and Sparring, and the Special Joint Committee to Study Small Business Retention and Development, as well as the Joint Fiscal Review Contract Services Subcommittee, Joint

Business Tax Committee, Joint Lottery Oversight Committee, and Special Joint Study on Ethics; he also served as treasurer of the Shelby County Delegation; and

WHEREAS, he served the Memphis community as a member of the Shelby County Juvenile Court Advisory Council, the Methodist Community Board, and the Shelby County Democratic Party Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by his fellow citizens, Reginald Tate served on a number of boards of charitable and nonprofit organizations in Memphis, including that of the National Civil Rights Museum and Lifeblood; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Reginald Tate was a longtime member of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church; and

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

WHEREAS, Reginald Tate 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Senator Reginald Tate and his life of service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee, reflecting fondly upon 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 Senator Tate.

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