

By: Senator K. Hammer

SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

TO HONOR THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MR. CURTIS
OLAN FERGUSON.

Subtitle

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MR. CURTIS OLAN FERGUSON.

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Olan Ferguson of Benton, Arkansas, passed away on June 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson moved to Benton from the Crows Station area in the late 1950s; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson made a living selling appliances and tires for Goodyear and it did not take him long to work his way up to being the youngest manager in the Memphis region; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson met Ms. Vera Richardson of Bryant soon after moving to Benton and they were married; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson and Mrs. Vera Ferguson had two (2) sons, Wyatt and Bart; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, the Fergusons opened Ferguson's Town & Country Furniture, TVs & Appliances and later built what is now Ferguson's Furniture; and



WHEREAS, as a business owner Mr. Curtis Ferguson was outspoken voice for local businesses and led the charge to even the playing field on charging online companies the same tax rate as local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson was instrumental in the development of the Benton and Bryant area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson instilled his work ethic not only in his children but also in his grandchildren by giving them tailor made jobs around the furniture store which were also known as the "Curtis school of hard knocks"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson served as the President of the Benton Chamber of Commerce and helped secure the land and building where the current Chamber of Commerce is located; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson was a pilot and enjoyed every aspect of aviation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson:

- (1) Was a larger-than-life figure who had a laugh that infected all who knew him;
- (2) Was a storyteller at his core and his stories caused roars of laughter from everyone;
- (3) Lived life with one hundred percent (100%) intentionality, punching a straw in the middle of life and drinking all it had to offer; and
- (4) Left tangible memories with anyone he came in contact with, especially his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis Ferguson had the rare quality to leave "Curtis sized" impression on people and the Benton community will be forever impacted by his legacy,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate express sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Curtis Ferguson and commend his contributions to the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the family of Mr. Curtis Ferguson by the Secretary of the Senate.