

By: Representative Beaty Jr.

HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. was born on September 18, 1962, and died on February 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. grew up in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and after graduating from Southside High School, graduated from the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. attended the University of Tulsa College of Law and served for two (2) years on the Tulsa Law Review before graduating with his Juris Doctorate in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr.'s career as a lifelong public servant began in Washington, D.C. working as the Chief of Staff for former United States Congressman Jay Dickey; and

WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. returned to his beloved state to serve the State of Arkansas under Governor Mike Huckabee as the Director of the



Arkansas Ethics Commission; and

WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. was called back into national service in helping to oversee the 2000 Florida recount on behalf of the Bush-Cheney campaign; and

WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr.'s institutional knowledge was recognized by many and he was asked to and served as the Chief of Staff to former Congressman Jim McCrery; and

WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr.'s understanding and experience in national politics was invaluable to others and Bob became a partner at Capitol Counsel LLC, a Washington, D.C. lobbying and advocacy firm; and

WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. worked hard but found time to cheer on the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Razorback sports teams and to spend time golfing and horse racing; and

WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr.'s heart never left the State of Arkansas and in 2020 Bob returned to Arkansas to be closer to his family; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Tim Griffin named Bob R. Brooks, Jr. as Chief Deputy Attorney General in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Tim Griffin, stated "As my Chief Deputy, he was unrivaled in his intellect, strength of character, work ethic and love for Arkansans, our office and the dozens of staff he led and managed"; and

WHEREAS, United States Congressman French Hill stated on the floor of the United States House of Representatives "Bob was a dedicated public servant who represented all that is good in Arkansas through his professionalism, his wit, and his great sense of humor"; and

WHEREAS, both Attorney General Tim Griffin and Congressman French Hill counted Bob R. Brooks, Jr. as a dear friend who is greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, the building formerly known as the Boyle Building will now be known as the Bob R. Brooks, Jr. Justice Building and once the renovation is complete will house the Attorney General and the staff offices as a lasting tribute to his distinguished career and his impact on the state he deeply loved; and

WHEREAS, while Bob R. Brooks, Jr. cherished his work as a public servant, he was most proud of serving as "Uncle Bob" to his nephew Ryan Brooks Curry, and a dedicated son to his parents Bob and Cindy Brooks; and

WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. is survived by his parents, his sister, Sabra Brooks Curry, his great nephew, Rex Grayson Curry, and many other family members in Fort Smith; and

WHEREAS, Bob R. Brooks, Jr. was preceded in death by his brother, Kevin Patrick Brooks, and his grandparents, Prentiss and Pearl Brooks and Joe and Martha Rowene Jones; and

WHEREAS, the United States and the State of Arkansas are blessed to have been served by Bob R. Brooks, Jr. in his capacity as a loyal and dedicated public servant,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize Bob R. Brooks, Jr. for his dedication and service to the State of Arkansas and to the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Bob and Cindy Brooks.