

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1116

A resolution honoring the life of Mr. John "Jay" West for his many years of service and contributions to the city of Nashville.

WHEREAS, John "Jay" West, son of former Nashville Mayor Ben West and brother of former Democratic state Representative Ben West Jr. of Nashville was from one of Nashville's most prominent political families and was part of an old guard of politicians from East Nashville, the one-time power base of the city; and

WHEREAS, Jay West served for 12 years on the Metro Council serving as an at-large councilman from 1983 to 1995 before being elected Vice Mayor in 1995. He replaced longtime Vice Mayor David Scobey and served one four-year term as Vice Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Jay West loved Nashville, and like his father, was dedicated to a life of public service as a way to make his hometown a better place; and

WHEREAS, Jay West married Diane Dunnebacke and fathered one child, Andrea West Doll; and

WHEREAS, Jay West spent two years of his career in Washington, D.C., where he served as a Legislative Assistant to the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Jay West represented a variety of trade associations and interests as a lobbyist at the state level, including in the areas of education, healthcare, land use zoning and workers' compensation; and

WHEREAS, Jay West held stints as vice president of the Tennessee Municipal League and served as the Executive Director of County Officials Association of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Jay West was a graduate of Leadership Nashville and Leadership Middle Tennessee. He received degrees from Castle Heights, Belmont University and Nashville School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Jay West was a member of Faith Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Jay West was an avid fisherman and golfer, and was known to open his conversation with a joke or riddle; and

Whereas, Jay West sense of humor, kindness, energy, and graciousness enriched those fortunate enough to know and work with him; and

WHEREAS, the West family has made a tremendous, positive mark on our city and Jay carried on that tradition as a humble public servant, whose actions always showed how much he cared about Nashville; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognize Jay West in the celebration and recognition of his life and the acknowledgment of his service and many contributions to the city of Nashville and Davidson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing Mr. John "Jay" West.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Council Office is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution to be presented to Mrs. Diane Dunnebacke West and family.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

Steve Glover
Member of Council