MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
FOR
JOE MANN HAYNES

OCTOBER 8, 1936 – JANUARY 26, 2018

Joe M. Haynes is at first a brilliant smile, and then he is a friend. Joe knows what friends are and he knows how to be a friend. He says “you never know when you’ll find a friend” and “you never know how badly someone else needs a friend, so always be one”.

He will not be referred to here in the past tense. The mere fact that he has passed from the time frame by which humans try to recall events does not matter because Joe is alive in our minds and memory.

In his obituary there is the following:

“Haynes loves nothing more than the Tennessee Vols, the Atlanta Braves, the Tennessee Titans, his family farm in Castalian Springs, fishing with Barbara with a cane pole, Jack Daniels, and his family. He always has a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye.”
If we would follow Joe’s example, wouldn’t the world be a better place? Some people literally light up the room. That’s Joe.

Joe and Barbara, as students at UT Knoxville, are in the same debate class. They are arguing on opposing sides of the issue. They are married for 58 years and I can still hear you Barbara, and you, Joe. The argument is good natured. You two literally thrive on each other. Joe is indeed your best friend, Judge Haynes. And Jeff, Scott, Mandy and seven grandchildren, you are all so lucky to have Joe in your lives.

And no lawyer can be successful without office help. I must mention Judy Callis who has helped Joe for 39 years.

As for accomplishments, where to start?

~Presbyterian Church
~UT Mechanical Engineering Degree
~Working at Dupont
~Nashville School of Law (YMCA Night Law School)
~Haynes and Smith, Attorneys – North Nashville and Goodlettsville
~President, Nashville Bar Association
~Haynes, Freeman and Bracey – Goodlettsville
~Tennessee Senate for Nearly Thirty Years
~Voted Legislator of the Year at least twice
~Chairman, Senate Democratic Caucus for ten years
~Chairman, Senate Government Operating Commission
~Senate Ways and Means Committee
~Senate State and Local Government Committee
~Senate Judicial Committee
~Senate Ethics Committee
~Fellow of the Nashville Bar Association
~Member, Goodlettsville City Commission
~Vice Mayor, City of Goodlettsville

In the Courts, Joe has tenaciously tried literally hundreds of matters. For a man whose mother wanted him to be a preacher, Joe’s path is quite different.

If you ask Joe what makes him proudest and happiest, he will say it’s his partner in life and best friend Barbara, and those kids and grandkids.
Joe champions legislation about

~Education
~Maternity Leave
~Victim's Rights
~Domestic Violence
~Ethics Reform
~Community Corrections
~Telephone Solicitation Fraud

To name a few.

In my last telephone visit with Joe, he tells me that he has found an unexpected friend at an unexpected place and time when Joe has encountered an obstacle. In talking about it, Joe focuses not on himself, but on the goodness and kindness provided to him by that new-found friend.

Joe Haynes is a man who always has a smile on his face and that twinkle in his eye.
AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Nashville Bar

Association that we honor the life and work of Joe Mann Haynes, an attorney with a keen mind and a caring spirit who sought justice for all and represented the highest aspirations of the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this memorial resolution be placed in the permanent records of The Association and entered in the “In Memoriam” minute book of the Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee and that copies thereof be furnished to his family.

This 15 day of November, 2018.

[Signature]
Chancellor

Approved for Entry:

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B. Dent Morriss
Deputy District Attorney General
Nineteenth Judicial District