

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
FOR
SAMUEL BENTON SELECMAN

Samuel Benton Selecman, born August 21, 1990, raised in God's Country, his self-ascribed name for the hills of East Tennessee, physically departed our lives on September 12, 2018. He excelled in all he put his mind to: hunting, golf, lacrosse, baseball, line dancing at Cotton Eyed Joes. His only limitation was that he wanted to do everything. He claimed he was the most interesting man in the world.

He never met a stranger. He knew all the names of the court clerks, secretaries, security personnel, deputy sheriffs. He inspired all he met and made each one of us think we were his "most important friend". His impact to all he interacted with inside the courthouse, resulted in the general sessions' courts closing at 10:00 a.m. the morning of his funeral so that the throngs of "important friends" were able to say goodbye to their selfless, southern gentleman. Such a thing had never happened in my 30 years of practice in the Davidson County Criminal Courts.

Ben believed God came first, VOLS second, family somewhere in between. Besides loving his family and friends, he loved his work as an Assistant District Attorney for the last year and a half of his life. He could be vulnerable with a victim in open court, yet craft a legal argument in an instant, turning up the drama to Law and Order levels. He had the perfect mixture of strength, compassion and humor.

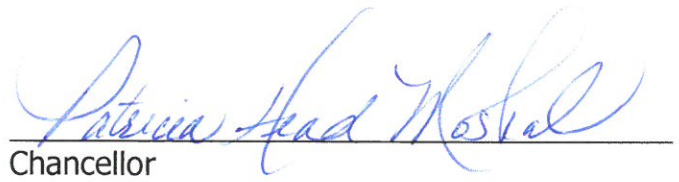
Ben adored his wife Mattie Jackson Selecman. They married in October, 2017. They spent their honeymoon on an African safari. Yet with all the availability of luxury, Ben remained humble about his and Mattie's lifestyle. Shockingly, Mattie became a widow before their first anniversary; Ben would never see his hunting trophies.

All of us aspire to achieve Ben's legacy: work hard, yet live each day to the fullest; uphold justice, yet not lose sight of others' humanity; consider everyone in the courtroom how you would consider yourself, unless, of course, you have a hunting trip planned. Raise a glass of whiskey or some Colorado Koolaid to the privilege we all experienced knowing Ben.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we honor the life, work and legacy of our colleague, Samuel Benton Selecman.

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 wife, Mattie, and mother and father, Brenda and Mark.

This 23rd day of May, 2019.


Chancellor

Approved for Entry:


Deb U Smith
Assistant District Attorney General