

RESOLUTION NO. 23-03-015

SPONSORED BY Mike Caylor, Robbie Bennett, Dawn Reagan, Brad Bowers, Dyran Bledsoe, Tom Stinnett, Earl McMahan, Ron French, Staci Lawhorn, and Jared Anderson

A RESOLUTION HONORING DR. ROBERT RAMSEY
FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO BLOUNT COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Ramsey was born in Maryville, Tennessee on March 3, 1947. He attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Biology, and a D.D.S. from the University of Tennessee at Memphis. Dr. Bob is a dedicated husband to Margaret, father to their two children Heather and Haley, and a proud grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ramsey was elected to the Blount County Commission in 1990, and served as chairman. In 1992, he was appointed Interim County Executive to fill the seat of the late Charles Powell. He was reelected to Blount County Commission in 1994, 1998, 2002, and 2006. In 2006, Dr. Ramsey was appointed Blount County Mayor to complete the term of Beverly Woodruff; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ramsey was elected in 2008 as member of the Tennessee House of Representatives serving District 20. He served as a House member of the 106th through 112th General Assemblies. Dr. Ramsey was a member of the House Health & Human Resources Committee, House Ethics Committee, House Calendar and Rules Committee, and House General Sub-Committee of Health & Human Resources. Dr. Ramsey served as chair for the House State & Local Government Committee (State Government Committee), and chaired the Department and Agency Sub-Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ramsey worked diligently to listen to the needs of his constituents. Just some of the legislation supported or introduced by Dr. Ramsey included: AED bills, Proton Therapy bill, Library Threshold bill, Youth Smoking Prevention legislation, anti-bullying legislation, protections and support of the elder communities, people and families with intellectual disabilities, homestead legislation, suicide prevention measures throughout the state, Anti-SLAPP bill preventing frivolous lawsuits, created legislation to allow transition centers for ex-felons released from prison, and service of process protecting domestic violence victims from further abuse; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ramsey’s community involvement includes: Blount County Board of Health, Regional Solid Waste Authority, Agricultural Extension Committee, Empty Pantry Fund, Community Action Agency, Regional Planning Commission, the Kiwanis Club of Maryville, the Boys and Girls Club, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Blount County Board of Commissioners, assembled in regular session this 21st day of March 2023, and Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell, do hereby give honor, recognition and sincere appreciation to Dr. Robert Ramsey for his exemplary service to the citizens of Blount County, Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to proclaim June 26 of every year as *Dr. Robert Ramsey Day*, in honor of the Heart to Heart Act passed on June 26, 2022. The Heart to Heart Act was introduced by Dr. Ramsey in memory of Tanner Jameson, who passed away at age 13 due to cardiac arrhythmia while playing basketball on June 26, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be made a part of the official records of the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: ____

Vetoed: ____

County Mayor

Date