

Memorial Resolution

THE HONORABLE CHANCELLOR E.G. MOODY

JUNE 11, 2024

Honorable Chancellor Edgar Garrison Moody, retired Chancellor for the 2nd Judicial District, passed away on Sunday, June 16, 2024, at the age of 79. Chancellor Moody was born on December 23, 1944, in Kingsport, Tennessee to the late James W. Moody, Sr. and Opal Lewis Moody.

He attended Barea College and graduated from East Tennessee State University. Afterwards, he attended law school at the University of Tennessee College of Law. After graduating from law school, he practiced law in Kingsport, Tennessee with Hawkins, Moody, Bingham and Miller for 35 years. In 2006, he was elected Chancellor for the Second Judicial District. In 2014, he was reelected. He retired at the end of his term in 2022 after 16 years of distinguished service.

Before his judgeship, Chancellor Moody was active in community service by providing *pro bono* legal services to several non-profit organizations. He served as counsel for the Sullivan County Mounted Patrol and Canine Unit and for the Shriner's Jericho Temple. He was also a former Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Crumley House Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center and a member of the Board of Directors of the Carriage Association of America. Chancellor Moody also enjoyed farming and carriage driving. He raised beef cattle and Morgan horses.

While on the bench, Chancellor Moody exhibited an exemplary temperament. Chancellor Moody always remained calm and collected in the courtroom, treating every litigant with dignity and respect. He possessed remarkable intelligence in addition to an ability to apply common sense to every situation. He approached his judgeship with patience, humility, integrity, courage, a steady demeanor, and the ability to think creatively. The ancient Greek philosopher Socrates said, "Four things belong to a judge: to listen courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly and to decide impartially." Chancellor Moody truly embodied all the qualities essential to a good judge.

During his judicial career, Chancellor Moody made significant contributions to the legal and the local community. Every year, Chancellor Moody and his wife, Mary Frances, hosted an annual adoption day event at their farm in Bristol. This event was a collaboration of many members of the local community. Although the location of the event has changed, Chancellor Moody's spirit and heart for the children of Sullivan County continues year after year through the Second Judicial District Annual Adoption Day.

Chancellor Moody's legacy is further honored, annually, through the "E.G. Moody Legal Excellence Award". The E.G. Moody Legal Excellence Award was created to not only honor Chancellor E.G. Moody's legacy but to also acknowledge a local lawyer who, like Chancellor Moody, exemplifies leadership, humility, professionalism, the highest ethical standards and service to both the legal profession and the local community. The first recipient of the award was honored in December 2024.

Chancellor Moody is survived by his wife, Mary Frances Moody, of 44 years. He is also survived by his brothers, James W. Moody, Jr. (Jo), Lewis Moody (Nancy), Dr. T. Glen Moody, sisters Shirley Krell, and Linda Christian (Phillip) and many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we honor the life, work, and legacy of our dearly departed colleague, CHANCELLOR E.G. MOODY, by the Tennessee Judicial Conference that this Memorial Resolution be entered on the minutes of this conference, that a copy be furnished to West Publishing Company for publication in Tennessee Decisions, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this tribute and resolution be furnished to his family.

Written by: Judge Jim Goodwin