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The Honorable JoeDae Jenkins
140 Adams Avenue, Room 308
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Re: Memorial Resolution for Richard E. Ladd, Sr.

Dear Chancellor Jenkins:

As presiding judge of the Second Judicial District and upon request from the Memorial Resolution Committee and the Tennessee Judicial Conference (TJC), it is my honor to provide the following summary of Judge Ladd's life for the purposes of establishing the Memorial Resolution to be read into the record on June 10, 2026 as part of the Annual Judicial Conference.

As such, I will be honored to present this Memorial Resolution on that date.

The Honorable Richard E. Ladd, Sr. (born on January 22, 1936, in Oliver Springs, TN) died Sunday, March 15, 2026, in Bristol, TN. A veteran of the United States Air Force, Chancellor Richard E. Ladd was a well-known and active member of the local, regional, and state legal community, having moved to Bristol in 1963 after completing his law degree at the University of Tennessee. He spent the first fifteen years of his courtroom career working with Charles M. Gore, Esq. as a trial lawyer before being appointed Chancellor Ladd of the Second Judicial District in 1978. Judge Ladd was subsequently elected and re-elected Chancellor, serving more than 30 years on the bench in Sullivan County before retiring in 2010.

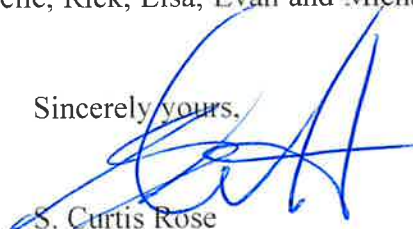
Chancellor Ladd was known to run a tight ship in his courtroom, holding the attorneys appearing before him to his own highest standards of preparedness, ethics, and professionalism. Judge Ladd was regarded as a brilliant jurist, and was highly respected for his compassion, common sense, and humor, and for creating a level-playing field for all litigants and lawyers in the cases that came before him.

Throughout his career, Chancellor Ladd made invaluable contributions to the legal community, teaching for many years at the Tennessee Judicial Academy, and serving in various voluntary positions within the Tennessee Judicial Conference, culminating as its President in 1989-1990. In 2010, as part of the Tennessee Bar Foundation Fellows' Legal History Project,

Judge Ladd was interviewed by Hon. John S. McLellan, III. That interview, a fitting tribute to Chancellor Ladd's well-lived life, both personally and professionally, can be found on YouTube. In retirement, Judge Ladd was oftentimes found on the golf course at the Bristol Country Club, or at any of number of lunch places he frequented with his friends and former colleagues, mostly sharing funny stories. Chancellor Ladd loved to laugh and share his humor with others.

Judd Ladd leaves behind his family - Isabelle, Rick, Lisa, Evan and Michael - loved him deeply and miss him terribly.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Curtis Rose", written over the typed name.

S. Curtis Rose

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