



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution honoring the life of Dr. Matthew Walker III.

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew Walker III passed from this life on April 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Organization, Board of Directors, and staff of Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center offer their sincere condolences to the family, and recognize that this loss is magnified by the loss of a kind spirit, dedicated husband, father, friend, and colleague that continued to support his grandfather and family's legacy; and

WHEREAS, the love, support, and service to the Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center and the work of their founder and his grandfather, Dr. Matthew Walker Sr. is very dear to the center's staff and they are eternally grateful. Matthew III's presence at the center's events, and his valuable input will be truly missed and was instrumental in the continued success of the Health Center; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Walker III had most recently participated in a virtual event and provided student scholarships at the center's Annual Matthew Walker Legacy Breakfast on Thursday, April 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Walker III performed his work on this earth in several capacities. At his untimely passing he was the Professor of the Practice of Biomedical Engineering at Vanderbilt University's School of Engineering and Professor of Radiology and Radiological Sciences in the School of Medicine. He previously served as mechanical/biomedical engineer with NASA in Houston prior to earning his doctorate in cardiovascular biophysics and pharmacology; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Walker III completed his postdoctoral training in the Harvard-M.I.T. Division of Health Sciences and Technology, and prior to that he spent eight years at Merck Research Laboratories. With such an impressive education and career bio, it was evident that his greatest gifts were his love of mentoring and teaching, making him an exemplary role model for many students and peers; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Walker III was a loving and attentive husband and father. His sense of responsibility to his community and to those less fortunate was highly regarded and driven by his strong faith. Many family and friends have been blessed in some way by the presence of Matthew Walker III in their lives, community, and congregation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognizes and honors the life of Dr. Matthew Walker III, and offers their sincere condolences to his family and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as honoring the legacy and life of Dr. Matthew Walker III.

Section 2. That the Metropolitan Council Office is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution to be presented to the family of Dr. Matthew Walker III and the congregation of Schrader Lane Church of Christ.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.