

**RESOLUTION 2024-01**

**A Resolution Approving the Language on Plaque for Statue Honoring James "Jimmy" Gentry**

**WHEREAS**, on July 12, 2022, the Leadership Franklin Class of 2020 approached the City with a plan to honor the late Jimmy Gentry with a statue to be located in Downtown Franklin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the statue with Resolution 2022-56 on August 11, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2022-56 required the language on the plaque for the statute to first be reviewed by the Franklin Public Arts Commission for recommendation to BOMA for final approval; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 25, 2023, the Franklin Public Arts Commission reviewed the language quoted below and is recommending its approval.

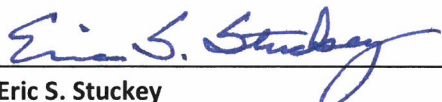
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE**, that the following language is approved for the plaque on the statue honoring Jimmy Gentry:

*This statue is in the likeness of Franklin, Tenn. native and World War II U.S. Army Veteran Jimmy Gentry as he reflects on the rock wall and the memories of waiting there for the bus that would take him and many others off to war to fight for our country.*

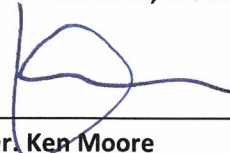
*These empty seats are in honor of all the heroes who fought for our nation, many of whom never returned.*

It is so **RESOLVED** and done on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2024.

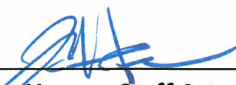
**ATTEST:**

By:   
Eric S. Stuckey  
City Administrator

**CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE:**

By:   
Dr. Ken Moore  
Mayor

**Approved as to form:**

By:   
J. Blake Harper, Staff Attorney