

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH W. ROBBINS SR., FOR SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF WALDEN

WHEREAS, Joseph Williams Robbins Sr., passed away on September 7, 2022. Born on June 17, 1942, he was known as Joe to his family, friends, associates, and community. Joe, an Eagle Scout, graduated from Baylor School in 1960 and from Vanderbilt University in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Joe Robbins entered the US Army at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, as 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st Psychological Warfare Battalion, served in the Dominican Republic and was awarded the Army Commendation Metal; and

WHEREAS, Joe was a very active person. He was often found playing tennis, sailing on the lake, running, hiking Mt. LeConte, and even challenging himself to run 10 miles while on his annual family vacation; and

WHEREAS, Joe was an instrumental civic leader for the town of Walden. He served as an Alderman from 1996 to 2000. Joe could often be seen regularly collecting debris on the "W" and East Brow Roads. Joe was also President of the Bachman Community Center, where he upgraded its infrastructure such as lighting and heating systems. He enjoyed volunteering in the restoration of McCoy Farms and Gardens; and

WHEREAS, Joe was a member of the American Foundry Society and the Chattanooga Engineers Club, where Joe served as President. Joe had an engineering mindset and demonstrated his engineering skills at an early age. He transformed a lawn mower engine into a go-cart and also organized the rebuilding of the bridge over the creek at nearby Mabbitt Springs. In 1967, Joe joined Robbins & Bohr where he served as President and owner for many of his 55 years of service. Joe also enjoyed caring for his family's apple orchard and beehives. One of Joe's most meaningful accomplishments was raising his four sons to have an engineering mindset like his own, and they all practice sound engineering principles in their careers today; and

WHEREAS, Joe was a lifetime member of the Little Brown Church and became trustee in 1997. He helped in many roles including maintaining the church's benches, adding the sound system, and enjoyed singing in the choir beside his brothers, Mickey, Jim, and Bob; and

WHEREAS, Joe Robbins contributed greatly to the life of Walden and his many contributions are to be acknowledged and appreciated by this recognition today.

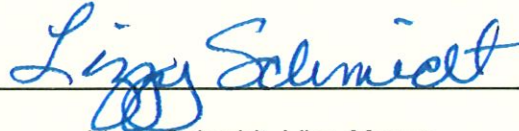
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the town of Walden and its elected officers would like to show our appreciation of Joe Robbins' dedication to our town by this express recognition to his family: his wife, Eugenia Herman Robbins; sons, Joe Jr.; Gene; Peter; and Oliver Robbins; brothers, Mickey; Jim; and Bob; and his 6 grandchildren; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, by the town of Walden through its elected officers that we recognize Joe Robbins for his generous years of public service to the town of Walden and its residents.

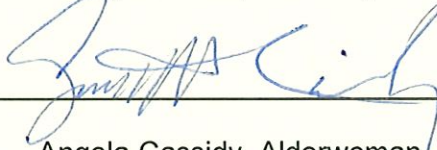
DATED at Walden, Hamilton County, Tennessee this 13th day of December, 2022.



Lee Davis, Mayor



Lizzy Schmidt, Vice Mayor



Angela Cassidy, Alderwoman

ATTEST:



Mariah Prescott, Walden Town Administrator

