

RESOLUTION -2025

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHARLES JAMES “CHARLIE” KIRK

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the City of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, records the passing of Charles James “Charlie” Kirk, a nationally recognized author and founder of Turning Point USA, who was tragically martyred for his faith on September 10, 2025, while participating in a public debate at Utah Valley University; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk, from an early age, demonstrated a strong sense of civic duty and an unwavering passion for American values, founding Turning Point USA in 2012 at only 19 years old, with the mission to educate and empower young Americans to engage in civic life; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership, Turning Point USA grew into a national movement with hundreds of college chapters across the country, giving students a platform to engage in open dialogue, exchange ideas, and strengthen the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk traveled extensively to encourage respectful discourse, often engaging directly with those who disagreed with him, demonstrating his commitment to free expression, civic responsibility, and the peaceful exchange of ideas; and

WHEREAS, his untimely death while engaged in public dialogue is a solemn reminder of the courage required to participate meaningfully in civic debate and the importance of safeguarding the democratic traditions of free speech and peaceful engagement; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk will be remembered not only for his political work, but also for his mentorship of young leaders, his steadfast belief in the power of ideas over violence, and his role as a devoted husband and father; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissions of the City of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, that we pause in our deliberations to mourn the passing of Charles James “Charlie” Kirk, and to extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and the many lives he touched; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, duly engrossed, be presented to the family of Charlie Kirk as an expression of the City’s heartfelt sympathy and enduring respect.

PASSED:

James Maness, Mayor

Kenny Martin, City Manager

ATTEST:

Sheila S. Lockett, MMC, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Samantha A. Burnett, City Attorney