



**SENATE BILL 504**

By Rose

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1 and Title 4, Chapter 8, relative to measures to honor the service of former members of the house of representatives.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

**SECTION 1.**

(a) The desk of house chamber seat number 60 is hereby officially named the "Legislative Desk of Representative John J. Deberry, Jr."

(b) The chief clerk of the house of representatives, or the chief clerk's designee, shall design and provide for the installation of a commemorative plaque on the side of the desk of house chamber seat number 60 to recognize the naming of such desk as the "Legislative Desk of Representative John J. Deberry, Jr."

**SECTION 2.** This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to SB0504

Briggs  
Signature of Sponsor

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 504**

**House Bill No. 346\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

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(a) The desk of house chamber seat number 60 is hereby officially named the Legislative Desk of Representative John J. Deberry, Jr.

(b) The chief clerk of the house of representatives, or the chief clerk's designee, shall design and provide for the installation of a commemorative plaque on the side of the desk of house chamber seat number 60 to recognize the naming of such desk as the Legislative Desk of Representative John J. Deberry, Jr.

(c) The plaque must include the following language:

The Honorable John J. DeBerry, Jr., a gifted orator, peacemaker, and statesman raised in the segregated South, who served the Tennessee House of Representatives and the 90th House District in Shelby County with honor and distinction for twenty-six years (1995-2020). For many of those years, he used his abundant gifts from this very desk to give voice to the voiceless, hope to the hopeless, and love to those in need.

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