

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Resolution of Memoriam – Dolly Rebecca Parton

PRESENTER: Commissioner Rebecca McCall

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt the attached Resolution of Memoriam for Dolly Rebecca Parton, who passed away on August 25, 2026.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Resolution as presented.

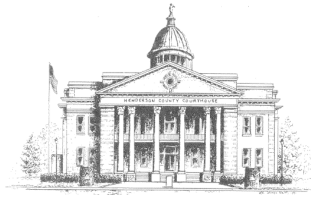
SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution of Memoriam for Dolly Rebecca Parton.

Henderson County Board of Commissioners

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RESOLUTION OF MEMORIAM *Dolly Rebecca Parton* *January 19, 1946 – August 25, 2026*

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners want to acknowledge the profound loss of an irreplaceable American icon, global humanitarian, and cherished daughter of the Appalachian hills, Dolly Rebecca Parton, who departed this earthly life on August 25, 2026, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, rising from a humble, one-room cabin in East Tennessee to become one of the most celebrated and decorated singer-songwriters in human history, Dolly Parton bridged cultural and geographic divides with her timeless music, sharp wit, and universal message of love and acceptance. Her artistic genius, spanning over six decades and encompassing more than 3,000 composed songs, earned her the highest honors in the arts and entertainment industries while remaining rooted in the simple Southern values of faith, family, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton’s monumental legacy is defined equally by her unmatched generosity, including her transformative Imagination Library which has gifted over 200 million free books to children worldwide, and her quiet, immense financial support for critical medical research, disaster relief, and community elevation; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of Hurricane Helene and the long recovery that took place afterward, Dolly demonstrated her fierce dedication to her fellow “mountain people” by personally contributing \$1 million dollars, alongside a matching \$1 million from her Dollywood businesses to provide immediate, vital relief to families across the Appalachian region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, that we do hereby express our deepest, heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and millions of admirers of Dolly Parton, and join a mourning world in celebrating the extraordinary gift of her life and legacy.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Henderson to be affixed.

ADOPTED this 8th day of September 2026.

WILLIAM G. LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

DENISA A. LAUFFER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD