

RESOLUTION 2025-28

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE INDOOR WALKING TRACK AT THE JEFFERSON CITY COMMUNITY CENTER AFTER DR. JOHN W. ZIRKLE, M.D.

WHEREAS, Dr. John W. Zirkle, M.D., a well-respected and cherished member of the Jefferson City community, a native of Mossy Creek, Eagle Scout, Jefferson County High School and Carson-Newman College graduate, and US Navy veteran, passed away recently on September 15th, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Zirkle was an active member of various medical organizations, serving as President of Lakeway Medical Society, Chief of Staff at Jefferson Memorial Hospital, Director of Jefferson County Nursing Home, board member of Mercy Health System Board in Knoxville, TN, and as Medical Director of Tennessee Nursing Hospice; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Zirkle was actively engaged in the community, as a lifelong member, Elder, and Sunday School teacher at First Presbyterian Church of Jefferson City, a volunteer at Jefferson Rural Clinic, serving also as a local board member of First American Bank, and later First Bank, Chairman of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Board, and later named Jefferson Countian of the Year in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zirkle is remembered for his wisdom, compassion, dedication, and impact on the Jefferson City community and surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zirkle and wife, Eva, were consistent, long-time supportive patrons of the Jefferson City Community Center facility and programs, with Dr. Zirkle a consistent regular on the indoor track.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Jefferson City, Tennessee, in honor of Dr. Zirkle, that the indoor walking track be commemorated and named the:

Dr. John W. Zirkle Walking Track

ADOPTED this 3rd day of November 2025.

Mitch Cain, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Bettina Chandler, City Recorder