

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1217

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jerry Hyder upon his induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Jerry Hyder, who was recently inducted into the Rockwood Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Rockwood Hall of Fame exists to recognize, celebrate, and honor those who have distinguished themselves through their success in public service, honorable military service, professional accomplishments, contributions to the community, and personal achievements, and Mr. Hyder's lifetime of excellence in all his endeavors is surely deserving of such recognition; and

WHEREAS, willing to sacrifice his personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedoms, Harriman native Jerry Hyder enlisted in the United States Navy to serve during World War II; the unswerving valor and undaunted courage he demonstrated as a machinist on Navy ships in the South Pacific earned him numerous accolades, including the Asiatic Pacific Medal, the Victory Medal, the American Theatre Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Mr. Hyder became a successful professional and an esteemed member of the pipe fitting and plumbing industry; in his admirable career, he filled such important posts as the Superintendent position of the Steamfitters Division at the Tennessee Valley Authority Phipps Bend Nuclear Plant; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many contributions to the profession, he was awarded a thirty year membership certificate from the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart public servant dedicated to improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens, Mr. Hyder also has dedicated his time and many talents to numerous worthy causes, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars; he often volunteers to assist the elderly and the less fortunate members of the Rockwood community; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Hyder is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to those whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor in Rockwood; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Jerry Hyder for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Jerry Hyder upon his induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame, honor and commend him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.