

HOUSE RESOLUTION 8

By Roach

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles Samuel Scarlett  
of New Market.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles Samuel "Sam" Scarlett; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scarlett was an exemplary public servant and consummate agricultural expert who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as a lifelong dairy farmer, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and community alike for the exemplary quality of his work and the scope of his knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the fourth-generation Scarlett Holstein herd that Sam Scarlett originated with his father was recognized across the Southeast for its many production and show ring awards; and

WHEREAS, cattle from this exceptional herd have been sold into many local herds, contributing to the well-being of numerous farms in his community; their milk has provided nutrition for thousands of families in the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, a leader and driving force in many facets of the dairy and agricultural industries, Mr. Scarlett was a former President and board member of the Tennessee Holstein Association; and

WHEREAS, he also organized and served as Chair of the Tennessee Holstein Futurity for many years; and

WHEREAS, a representative of Piedmont Milk Producers, Sam Scarlett served as a Board Member of the American Dairy Association of Tennessee and was also a Director of the Tennessee Beef Industry Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scarlett served on the boards of directors for the Tennessee Dairy Herd Improvement Association, East Tennessee Select Sires, and was recognized as an “Outstanding Young Dairyman” by his milk producing association; and

WHEREAS, the Scarlett fall pig roast has become a cherished tradition of the New Market area, fostering a community spirit among neighbors and dairy farmers; and

WHEREAS, a catalyst for community, Sam Scarlett was known for his independent mindset, his strong sense of right and wrong, the ability to openly voice his opinion, his honesty and candor, and a sense of humor hallmarked by a contagious, booming laugh; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scarlett was an active and devout member of Loy Memorial Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years, standing as a member of the Administrative Council and the committee that guided his congregation into a merger with the current New Market Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his parents, Neal and Ollie Frances Scarlett of New Market, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-six years, Bobbie Scarlett, and was the proud father and father-in-law of his sons and their wives, Robert and Susan Scarlett and John Neal and Deborah Scarlett; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Justin Scarlett, JoBeth Scarlett, John Ryan Scarlett, and Jackie Scarlett, whose questions he always found time to answer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scarlett is also survived by his siblings and their spouses, Frances and Joe Cunningham, Giffin and Mary Scarlett, and Betty and Bob Horton, and by his nieces and nephews and their spouses, Mike and Beth Cunningham, Mike and Lisa Hitch, Pam Cunningham, Anne Scarlett, and Shawn Scarlett; and

WHEREAS, he will also be long remembered by his dear friend Sam Nicholson, Jr., of Bethesda, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Sam Scarlett leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Charles Samuel Scarlett, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Scarlett.

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