

HOUSE RESOLUTION 223

By Barker

A RESOLUTION to honor the Southland Realty Company and owner Tracy W. Latham upon 40 successful years in business.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in recognizing those estimable businesses in Tennessee that have served their customers for generations by establishing a tradition of quality service, genuine concern for their patrons, and a commitment to their community; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary business is Southland Realty Company of Dyersburg, which closed its doors for the final time on August 8, 2009, after having earned the distinction of being the longest continually operating real estate business in the county; and

WHEREAS, established in 1969 by D.B. Haynes, Sr., the Southland Realty Company became known as a Christ-centered and family-oriented business that served the residential, commercial, and agricultural real estate needs of Northwest Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the Southland Realty Company and its deserved reputation for fair dealings was passed on to Tracy W. Latham, who ably carried on the family tradition of quality customer service for thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, perhaps more importantly, the Southland Realty Company served many not only as a business, but also as a friendly gathering place where many an unsuspecting customer was treated to a home-cooked meal and, in many cases, made their first friends in their new city; and

WHEREAS, having upheld high standards of integrity and excellence for forty years, both the Latham and the Haynes families may celebrate and fondly recall the many years of success enjoyed by Southland Realty Company; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we pause to recognize such a wonderful multi-generational family business, a business in which customer service meant a great deal more than simply the buying and selling of real estate for so many memorable years and which will be sorely missed by its loyal patrons and the Dyersburg community; 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 and commend Tracy W. Latham and the employees of the Southland Realty Company upon forty successful years in business, express our appreciation for the company's distinct personality in the Dyersburg community, and wish the dedicated owner and employees success in all future endeavors.

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