

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 714

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Harvey Lafollette for receiving Food City's Wayne Scott Memorial Grower of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly recognize Tennessee's hard working farmers who form a cornerstone for our communities; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Lafollette of Stanley Valley is one such exceptional farmer and was recently awarded Food City's Wayne Scott Memorial Grower of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Lafollette grew up tending his family's greenhouses and was the president of his high school FFA club his senior year; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Lafollette continued his family's farming tradition by selling dish gardens to local florists, eventually expanding to markets in Virginia and Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Lafollette purchased his own farm in 1996 and began to grow produce, as well as tropical and greenhouse plants, and after being contacted by Food City, he expanded his farm operation to grow hanging baskets and bedding plants that are later sold in Food City stores; and

WHEREAS, Food City purchased more than 149,000 plants in addition to cabbage, jumbo bunch green onions, jumbo pumpkins, and fall squashes from Mr. Lafollette's farm in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Lafollette industriously strives to improve his farming techniques; he is currently researching geothermal and solar powered systems for more efficient greenhouse heating; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Lafollette participates in a community corn maze for school children and hosts observation and training sessions for Volunteer High School FFA and Walters State Community College groups; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Lafollette is a former t-ball coach, a Master Mason, a member of the Jericho Shrine Temple, and enjoys working on antique tractors; and

WHEREAS, a devoted man of faith, Harvey Lafollette is a member of Lafollette's Chapel Church, where he serves as deacon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafollette and his beloved wife, Becky, have two sons, Dustin and Jake, to whom he hopes to pass on the family farm; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Harvey Lafollette as a fine example of an outstanding family farmer whose dedication and skill should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Harvey Lafollette for his notable achievements in agriculture, congratulate him on receiving Food City's Wayne Scott Memorial Grower of the Year Award, 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.