

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 459

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to recognize W. Lacy Upchurch on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, W. Lacy Upchurch is one such estimable person, who has served as president of the Tennessee Farm Bureau for ten years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Fentress County, Mr. Upchurch received his bachelor's degree and master's degree in animal science from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Lacy Upchurch began his illustrious career as a University of Tennessee extension agent in Madison and Cumberland counties; he later became a swine and beef cattle farmer, eventually becoming one of the top beef cattle producers in Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, prior to his tenure as president of the Tennessee Farm Bureau, Mr. Upchurch served as a board member and was elected vice president in 2000; and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated his leadership in the community by serving as a board member of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, the Governors Economic Development Board, the American Farm Bureau, the Governor's Rural Challenge, First Farmers and Merchants Bank, and various committees for the University of Tennessee; he has also served as chairman of the Tennessee Pork Producers, and board member and president of Cumberland County Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Upchurch resides in Cumberland County with his wife, Kay, and is looking forward to spending more time with their three children and six grandchildren after his retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Lacy Upchurch has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the good people of Cumberland County and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize W. Lacy Upchurch upon his retirement from the Tennessee Farm Bureau, thank him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his 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.