

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 494

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Barry G. Chism upon being named the Greenbrier Citizen of the Year.

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

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Barry G. Chism, who was recently named the Greenbrier Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, born in Greenbrier on May 21, 1925, Mr. Chism has been a resident of the Greenbrier community for nearly ninety years; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of World War II, Mr. Chism served in the United States Army as a BAR Infantry rifleman in the Italian Campaign. Between 1943 and the end of the war, Mr. Chism fought in several major battles, including the Battle of Monte Cassino. He earned two Purple Hearts for being wounded twice, and two Bronze Stars with Combat V, for his participation in acts of heroism while engaging an armed enemy; and

WHEREAS, at the end of World War II, Mr. Chism returned to Greenbrier to marry and start a family. Mr. Chism has enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-seven years, Sue Chism; his three children, Melissa Norwood, Carol Dugger, and Barry Dale Chism; his four grandchildren; and his seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from a successful career as a rural mail carrier in Greenbrier, Mr. Chism devoted his efforts to improving the Greenbrier community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chism has become an astute and dedicated community leader who has earned the respect of his peers and the citizens he serves for the exemplary quality of his work.

He is known throughout the Greenbrier community for his honesty and integrity, and his steadfast desire to enrich the community for all residents; and

WHEREAS, he and his family are active and devout members of Greenbrier First Baptist Church, which Mr. Chism has faithfully served for many years as a deacon and church leader; and

WHEREAS, the Greenbrier community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of Barry Chism; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Mr. Chism who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Barry Chism for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in Greenbrier; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Barry G. Chism upon being named the 2016 Greenbrier Citizen of the Year, commend his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness in all 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.