

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1082

By Howell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Harry Jackson Rymer, Sr., of Old Fort.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Harry Jackson Rymer, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Harry Rymer was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rymer served with acumen and alacrity as a farmer in Polk County, in which position he earned the gratitude of many Tennesseans for keeping food on their tables; he raised broiler chickens and grew hay, corn, and soybeans; and

WHEREAS, prior to working his farm full time, Harry Rymer worked in a chicken processing company for ten years and then for the Tennessee Farmers Co-op in Cleveland for an additional ten years; and

WHEREAS, an untiring advocate for his fellow farmers across this great State, Mr. Rymer served as president of the Polk County Farm Bureau and was a member of the Tennessee Farm Bureau for more than fifty years; he was also a Life Member of the National FFA Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Harry Rymer was elected to the Polk County School Board and served three terms until his sons graduated; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Rymer was awarded a Citizen Citation from Governor Buford Ellington in recognition of outstanding achievements and service in the field of agriculture; he also received the 1967 Poultry Award from FFA and was recognized, along with his wife, for volunteer leadership in Polk County 4-H; and

WHEREAS, for nearly forty years, Harry Rymer was an active and devout member of Shiloh Baptist Church, which he served faithfully as chairman of the deacons for the past decade; 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, Mr. Rymer will be fondly remembered by his loving wife of forty-six years, Kathy Rymer; his sons, Jay Rymer and Blake Rymer; his granddaughters, Rylee Rymer, Sierra Rymer, and Emma Rymer; his brother and sister-in-law, Albert and Debbie Rymer; and a host of extended family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Harry Rymer was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Willie Mae "Bill" Higdon Rymer; and

WHEREAS, Harry Rymer 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 the members of 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Harry Jackson Rymer, Sr., 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. Rymer.

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