

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 95

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Norman Yoder of Paris.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Norman Yoder; and

WHEREAS, Norman Yoder 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, one of eleven children, Mr. Yoder was born on October 29, 1957, in Stuarts Draft, Virginia; he and his family moved to Tennessee in 1970; and

WHEREAS, in his early twenties, Norman Yoder began a meat processing business in Mayfield, Kentucky, with one of his brothers; five years later, he returned to Paris and co-founded Yoder Brothers Meat Processing with another brother; he also operated a livestock and row-crop farming enterprise; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Yoder Brothers Meat Processing grew to three times its original size and expanded to include a nearby retail store that Mr. Yoder purchased to sell the beef, pork, and poultry raised on the Yoder family farm; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Mr. Yoder completed a Dale Carnegie Training Course, during which course he won the Dale Carnegie Highest Award for Achievement; and

WHEREAS, Norman Yoder was an active and devout member of the Mennonite Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yoder enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Dorothy, and was the proud father of eight children; and

WHEREAS, Norman Yoder 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Norman Yoder, 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. Yoder.

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