

HOUSE RESOLUTION 227

By Hicks

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jim Wells upon his receipt of the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Jim Wells of Hawkins County, who recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation during the organization's ninety-eighth annual convention held in Franklin; and

WHEREAS, this esteemed award is presented to those individuals who go above and beyond in their volunteer spirit with the Tennessee Farm Bureau and devote so much to ensure the organization succeeds; and

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award recipient for District V, Mr. Wells grew up on his family's farm and was an active member of 4-H and FFA during his school years, graduating from Rogersville High School in 1963; and

WHEREAS, after high school, he attended the University of Tennessee, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in agricultural education, a master's degree, and an educational specialist degree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wells began his illustrious career as an agriculture teacher at his high school alma mater in 1967; he took his well-deserved retirement from teaching in 2006 but remains an ardent supporter of the FFA program; and

WHEREAS, he has been a member of Tennessee Farm Bureau for more than fifty years and has spent twenty-three years as a member of the board of directors, including the past eight years as president; and

WHEREAS, an active part of his community, Jim Wells is a member of the Hawkins County Cattleman's Association, the Hawkins County Coop board, and the Hawkins County Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Wells is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Brenda Arnwine Wells; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wells is an exemplary individual; his commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Jim Wells of Hawkins County upon his receipt of the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in all 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.