

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 335

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A RESOLUTION to honor Terry Thomas Thompson upon his induction into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, agriculture has been a cornerstone of Wilson County since the county's founding in 1799, and those citizens involved in farming have always been a vital part of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly specially recognize those outstanding citizens who dedicate their lives to promoting the importance of agriculture in our society; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Terry Thomas Thompson, who has been inducted into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame for his hard work and commitment to continuing the legacy of the family farm in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the son of William Dean and Mildred Neal Thompson, Terry Thomas Thompson grew up on the family farm in the Bairds Mill community of Wilson County, where they ran a dairy operation, raised crops of tobacco and hay, and bred Suffolk sheep and Duroc hogs; and

WHEREAS, Terry Thompson attended Major Elementary School and Flat Rock Elementary School before graduating from Lebanon High School, where he was active in the FFA, earning his State and American FFA Farmer degrees and recognition as the Star Farmer of Middle Tennessee during his senior year; and

WHEREAS, after high school, Mr. Thompson spent his summers helping his parents run their dairy operation while he attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, from which he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Dairy Science and Production in 1974; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Terry Thompson was joined in holy matrimony with Nell Scott and began working as a salesman in Wilson and Sumner counties for the Brown Milling Company of Gallatin while also raising beef cattle, harvesting hay, and growing fresh corn for the local farmers' market; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Mr. Thompson was hired by the Wilson County Board of Education to become the new vocational agriculture teacher at Watertown High School, where he enjoyed a distinguished forty-year career as an educator and administrator; and

WHEREAS, during this time, he and his family worked very hard on their farm operation, which included tobacco, sows, feeder pigs, beef cows, and twenty-five acres of corn, and they also sold produce at the local farmers' market for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame honors those dedicated citizens who committed their lives to developing and maintaining the highest standards and principles in their chosen vocation, and it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly honor Terry Thompson for his valuable service to agriculture and the farming community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Terry Thomas Thompson upon his induction into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame, reflecting fondly upon his many contributions to upholding the agricultural traditions of Wilson County and the State of Tennessee.

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