

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1359

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to honor Jay Yeargin on being named the 2020 Tennessee Farmer of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as agricultural leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Jay Yeargin of Greenfield, who was named the 2020 Tennessee Farmer of the Year by University of Tennessee Extension and will compete in the Southeastern Farmer of the Year competition at the Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a farmer for sixteen years, Jay Yeargin is a row crop producer and runs a sixty-head beef cattle operation with his wife, Alice Ann, on 2,700 acres, growing yellow corn, soybeans, and wheat along with the cattle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yeargin's operation also produces approximately 700 round bales of hay annually and occasionally grows food-grade white corn, which, when sold at a premium, allows his farm to enjoy a measure of financial success; and

WHEREAS, the Yeargins host the annual Governor's School of Agriculture at their farm, and their farm operation is a regular cooperator in the University of Tennessee County Standardized Testing Program by planting and harvesting multiple soybean varieties; and

WHEREAS, Jay Yeargin is a 2004 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin with a degree in agriculture business; Alice Ann Yeargin is a 2005 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin with a degree in business administration; and

WHEREAS, a deacon at First Presbyterian Church, Mr. Yeargin also operates a mowing and track hoe business and is a director of the Weakley County Farm Bureau and a member of the State Ag Enhancement Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, no strangers to awards and accolades, the Yeargins were runners-up for the American Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award in 2017, and Mrs. Yeargin was named the Tennessee Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Outstanding Woman in 2013 and formerly served as president of the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Jay Yeargin is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his family; and

WHEREAS, Jay Yeargin exemplifies the spirit and dedication that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and we find it appropriate to honor and commend such an outstanding and remarkable individual; 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 honor and congratulate Jay Yeargin of Greenfield upon his selection as the 2020 Tennessee Farmer of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.