

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 542  
By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Paris Rotary Club on their 75th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those entities which, through their abiding commitment to excellence, are a credit to this state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding group is the Paris Rotary Club, celebrating their 75th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the last surviving charter member of the club, Wayne Holman, wrote a history of the Paris Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Brother Holman wrote of Ernest J. Barnett, pastor of First Christian Church in Paris moving to Clarksville and becoming a Rotarian; fired up by what he'd seen Rotary accomplish in Clarksville, Barnett described its program in glowing detail to a jeweler friend in Paris, Will T. Warren; and

WHEREAS, fifteen other business and professional men formed the first Rotary Club in Paris with the first meeting being held on February 18, 1921, and the charter was delivered on April 23 of the same year; and

WHEREAS, the first meetings were held in the sample rooms of the old Caldwell Hotel, the leading hotel in Paris at the time; and

WHEREAS, since that time, many members have come and gone and many feats have been accomplished; and

WHEREAS, this auspicious occasion is met with celebration and gladness; now,  
therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That  
we hereby honor and commend the Paris Rotary Club on their 75th anniversary and hope to  
mark many anniversaries to come.

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

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