

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 814

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Richard Hatfield upon his fifty years as a member of the Nashville Symphony Chorus.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to a gentleman who has made many contributions to the choral arts in Nashville and Tennessee as a vocalist of the greatest talent; and

WHEREAS, this gentleman is Richard Hatfield, who has sung with the Nashville Symphony Chorus for more than fifty years as a charter member of the chorus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hatfield began singing with the Nashville Symphony in the late 1950s as a member of a community chorus; he was invited to sing with the newly formed Nashville Symphony Chorus in December 1963 during its first performance of Handel's *Messiah*; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hatfield has maintained continuous membership in the Nashville Symphony Chorus since its founding by Nashville Symphony music director Willis Page in 1963, and is the only charter member still singing with the chorus; and

WHEREAS, a native son of Nashville, Mr. Hatfield is a retired teacher who formerly taught in the Metro Nashville public school system; and

WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Tennessee State University and obtained his graduate degrees from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, through his talent for singing and his devotion to the choral arts, Richard Hatfield has served the people of Nashville, Davidson County, and the great State of Tennessee with distinction, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor Richard Hatfield upon his fifty years as a member of the Nashville Symphony Chorus, commend his vocal talent and ongoing commitment to the chorus, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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