

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 261

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Carroll Graydon Henderson upon being named the Elmer Hinds Award Rhea Republican of the Year 2013.

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

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Carroll Graydon Henderson, who was recently named the Elmer Hinds Award Rhea Republican of the Year 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson was born in Rhea County on May 2, 1941, to Carles Ray and Evelyn (Felts) Henderson, and he has eight brothers and one sister; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Rhea Central High School and he earned his associate's degree from Cleveland State Community College; and

WHEREAS, in May 1955, Carroll Henderson and his father opened Henderson's Garage; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson served with acumen and alacrity as Chief Deputy from 1978-1982, and he has served as a Rhea County School Board Member since 2001; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Carroll Henderson is a lifelong member of the Rhea County Republican Party; he has supported the Republican Party for more than fifty years, working hard to get people registered to vote who had previously voted absentee over many years; and

WHEREAS, a man of many talents, Mr. Henderson is a self-taught guitarist; he is a fan of dirt track racing and enjoys helping his son, Greg, build race cars; he enjoys horseback riding; and he enjoys taking dogs in and giving them a home; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Henderson is a Lifetime Member at Friendship Baptist Church, where he has maintained fifty years of perfect attendance and serves as a Choir Director and Deacon; he conducts a religious service for senior citizens at the Courtyard Retirement Home every Sunday; and he is an active evangelist and is called on to conduct funerals; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, he is also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Henderson is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife of fifty-two years, Velma Marie Dunn, and their son, Greg; and

WHEREAS, through his estimable community involvement, Mr. Henderson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Carroll Henderson for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Carroll Graydon Henderson upon being named the Elmer Hinds Award Rhea County Republican of the Year 2013, thank him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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