

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 829

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Leonadus "Lee" Franklin Yancey, Jr., of Oakland.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Leonadus "Lee" Franklin Yancey, Jr., a valuable member of the Oakland community who devoted himself to civic affairs; and

WHEREAS, born in Memphis on February 28, 1954, Lee Yancey was the son of the late Leonadus Franklin "Frank" Yancey, Sr., and the late Robbie Irene Matheson Yancey, all three being lifelong residents of Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, a 1972 graduate of Fayette Academy in Somerville, Lee Yancey proudly served his country in the United States Navy as a flight technician on the E-2B Hawkeye; and

WHEREAS, Lee Yancey began his working life at Ralston Purina and retired in 2013 after thirty-eight years of service at Solae; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yancey followed in his father's footsteps in public service as an alderman for the Town of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Lee Yancey also helped run the family business, Yancey Feed and Farm Supply, in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, after taking his much-deserved retirement, Lee Yancey devoted his time to The Yancey Farm, which was established in 1951 in Oakland; an exceptional cattleman, he kept abreast of the latest livestock practices through the University of Tennessee Extension office; and

WHEREAS, Lee Yancey pledged to help maintain Fayette County's rural heritage by setting into place plans to certify The Yancey Farm as a Tennessee Century Farm, a continuing operation under the management of the family's third generation, Lee's son, Dr. Justin Leonadus Yancey; and

WHEREAS, Lee Yancey was an outdoorsman who enjoyed riding his motorcycle and horseback riding, and he never turned down a road trip; and

WHEREAS, most of all, Lee Yancey was a hardworking, dedicated family man and public servant who will be greatly missed by his family and his many Fayette County friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his son, Lee Yancey is survived by his wife, Leslie Shockey-Yancey; stepdaughter, Alex Carlew; and sister, Ann Yancey Conley; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Oakland has petitioned this body to designate a segment of U.S. Highway 64 in the town as the "Lee Yancey Memorial Highway," and such request has been favorably acted upon; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant, businessman, farmer, outdoorsman, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that on the occasion of a segment of U.S. Highway 64 in the Town of Oakland being named in his honor, we pay homage to the memory of Leonadus "Lee" Franklin Yancey, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his many contributions to preserving Fayette County's agricultural heritage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Yancey.

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.