

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 884

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to recognize George Cates for his service to his country and his community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we 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 George Cates, who has lived a life of selflessness and tireless commitment to the betterment of himself and his community; and

WHEREAS, born on April 18, 1922, to Vena Griffey Cates and Luna Cates, Mr. Cates is a graduate of Sevier County High School. At the age of nineteen, he joined the United States Army and served as a tank driver in Hawaii and Japan during World War II; and

WHEREAS, returning home from the war, George Cates attended technical school and opened an auto body business in Knoxville; he built his reputation as the premier semi-truck detailer in the area and was contracted by International Harvester and Peterbilt to handle the painting of their trucks; and

WHEREAS, he attended the University of Tennessee, earning a degree in teaching; he taught in the vocational program for Knox County Schools and retired from the school system after thirty years of exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, his meritorious service and exceptional professional career aside, Mr. Cates is most grateful for the seventy wonderful years spent with his loving wife, Lillian, before her passing; the two had a passion for life and each other, and the years of companionship and the beautiful family that resulted from their union are an inspiration to us all; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize those remarkable men and women whose dedication to excellence and selfless commitment to their fellow citizens is a credit to their State and to their country; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize George Cates as a true Tennessean who has served with upright moral character in his private life, compassion and probity in his professional life, and bravery and selflessness as a member of the United States Armed Forces. We extend to Mr. Cates our heartfelt thanks for his service to his community and to the United States of America.

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.