

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 893

By Sanderson

A RESOLUTION to honor Jerry Wayne Patton for fifty years of service as a volunteer music minister at Fort Hudson Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body salute those citizens who work with purpose and commitment to fulfill God's mission while faithfully serving their congregations; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Wayne Patton is one such estimable individual, who has served for fifty years as a volunteer music minister at Fort Hudson Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, born on January 26, 1947, in Dyersburg to A.D. and Mildred Wims Patton, Jerry Wayne Patton is a graduate of Dyersburg High School; and

WHEREAS, he studied marketing and business administration at Dyersburg State Community College, where he later returned to teach classes in computer literacy and data processing; he also attained certification from the Institute for the Certification of Computer Professionals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patton has been employed at Dyersburg Fabrics for thirty-five years, serving in numerous positions, including vice president of information services, vice president of administration, and vice president and general manager of the Trenton Mills facility, where he currently serves as sales manager; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Patton has been a devoted member of Fort Hudson Baptist Church for many years and has served the church in various capacities; he has taught the Young Married Sunday School class and preached in revival meetings; he is also an ordained deacon of the church, has served as a Royal Ambassador leader, and is active in Brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, committed to his community, Mr. Patton has served as a board member of Parkview Hospital and assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 81; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Patton has been married to his wife, Wilma Lee Barker Patton, for more than fifty years, and they are the proud parents of two children, Sherry and Paul, and the loving grandparents of one granddaughter, Lauren; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Patton's commitment to God, his spiritual leadership, his love for people, and his dedication to his community are worthy of respect and admiration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jerry Wayne Patton for fifty years of outstanding service as a volunteer music minister at Fort Hudson Baptist Church and extend to him our best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

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