

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1217

By Moody

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Kenneth Ray Sneed of Tipton County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Kenneth Ray Sneed; and

WHEREAS, Ray Sneed was a leader in the agricultural community and a third-generation farmer, who, for thirty-five years, partnered with his brothers to grow corn, soybeans, cotton, and wheat at Sneed Brothers Farms, Inc., in Drummonds; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed professional, Mr. Sneed served for more than twenty years as a member of the State Soil Conservation Committee; he also served with distinction as a member of the Tipton County Farm Bureau Board from 2008 to 2021, the Tennessee Farm Bureau Natural Resources Committee from 2011 to 2013, and the Tennessee Farm Bureau Action Committee from 2006 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ray Sneed was a leader in soil and water conservation, instituting many conservation practices on his family's farming operation, championing soil health, and speaking at many farm tours and field days in West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to agriculture was also evidenced by his service as a member of the Board of Directors at Agricenter International from 2004 to 2010, the Board of Directors of the National Black Growers Council, and the USDA Farm Service Agency State Committee in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sneed will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Ray Sneed leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Kenneth Ray Sneed, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart dedication to living life fully, with a commitment to his family, and in service to his community, State, and nation.

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

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.