

HOUSE RESOLUTION 269

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Deputy Sheriff Jerry Dean Farmer of Mountain City.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Deputy Sheriff Jerry Dean Farmer; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Farmer was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, for forty-six years, Jerry Farmer served with both duty and honor as a law enforcement officer; starting at the age of twenty-one, Mr. Farmer served as a deputy sheriff in Watauga and Yancey counties in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in the past five years, Deputy Farmer served with acumen and alacrity in Johnson County, in which position he earned the respect of his peers, his superiors, and the citizens of Johnson County alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties as a deputy sheriff, Jerry Farmer also worked as a police officer at Watauga Medical Center, the chief of security at Chetola Resort, and a part-time funeral associate at Mountain City Funeral Home; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Deputy Farmer was inducted into the American Police Hall of Fame for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, Jerry Farmer was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon and a Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Farmer will be fondly remembered by his loving wife of forty-nine years, Linda Thomas Farmer; his children, Melissa Jane Farmer Snyder, Thomas Farmer, and Edward "Dee" Farmer; his grandchildren, Chelsea Farmer, Cassie Nichols, Brennan Peterson, Lily Snyder, Sarah Snyder, Isaac Snyder, Joshua Snyder, Naomi Snyder, and Jesse Snyder; his great-grandchildren, Zoey, Kinley, and Ellie; his siblings, Jackie Farmer, Sheila Church, and Betty Johnson; and his many special friends; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Farmer 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 the members of this legislative body 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Deputy Sheriff Jerry Dean Farmer, saluting his dedication to serve and protect his community and reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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

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