

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 470

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Farrell Wayne Kennedy
of Deer Lodge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Farrell Wayne Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy 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, he served with acumen and alacrity as an educator and education administrator for more than forty years, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and students alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Deer Lodge, Farrell Kennedy was born on July 3, 1936, the seventh child of Fred Sherman and Elsie Pearl Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Kennedy attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees while also working on the school's agricultural campus; and

WHEREAS, he embarked upon his career in education in 1960 as a teacher and assistant principal at Sunbright High School. He later served as the director of the Oneida Vocational School before gaining appointment as the director of the Technology Center at Harriman in 1971. He held this illustrious position for thirty-three years before retiring; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy was an upstanding member of his community who dedicated his time and energies to a number of civic organizations, including the Morgan County Farm Bureau, the Soil Conservation District, the Morgan Scott Project, the Morgan County Cattlemen Association, and the Morgan County Retired Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, Farrell Kennedy was a man who was passionate about those things in life that inspired him, including farming, conservation, church, forestry, Beef Alliance, and the Harriman Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Kennedy was recognized with the 1976 Byrd W. Duncan Award for his service in chairing the East Tennessee Health Improvement Planning Council, which brought health care and doctors to Morgan County for the first time; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the Deer Lodge Congregational Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a Sunday school teacher, a deacon, and a Sunday school superintendent; and

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

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Marjorie Thomas Kennedy, and was the proud father and father-in-law of Sandra Kennedy and Thomas and Susan Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy will also be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Elizabeth Kennedy, Emily Kennedy, Caroline Kennedy, and Sarah Kennedy; his siblings and their spouses, Jean Atler, Marie McCartt, Janice and Bill Bogdany Longwood, and Bill and Joan Kennedy; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Natalie Kennedy, Delsie Kennedy, Ursel and Mary Atkins, Johnny Thomas, Sarah Thomas and friend Toots Mantooth, and Alvin and Judy Newlin; and a host of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Farrell Kennedy was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Letty and Faustryn Raczkowski, Meril Anleitner, Fred Leroy and Marge Kennedy, Dorothy and Rosco Heidel, Chester Ray Kennedy, George McCartt, Joan Kennedy, and Ann Newlin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy 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 this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Farrell Wayne Kennedy, 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 Mr. Kennedy.

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