

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1620

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Aubrey Towns upon his posthumous induction into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, agriculture has been a cornerstone of Wilson County since the county's founding in 1799, and those citizens involved in farming have always been a vital part of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we specially recognize those outstanding citizens who dedicated their lives to promoting the importance of agriculture in our society; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual was Aubrey Towns, who was posthumously inducted into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame for his hard work and commitment to continuing the legacy of the family farm in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the eldest son of Daniel and Callie Towns, Aubrey Towns attended Gladeville School, which at that time offered all grades through high school; and

WHEREAS, in 1927, Mr. Towns married his beloved wife, Ruth, and to their joyous union was born a daughter, Edna, in 1933; and

WHEREAS, at the beginning of World War II, Mr. Towns built a feed store on the corner of Gladeville Road and Stewarts Ferry; he also cut hair on weekends and worked at Vultee Aircraft Manufacturing during the weekdays during World War II; and

WHEREAS, he joined the National Poland China Association in 1950 and the National Polled Hereford Association in 1952, showing hogs and cattle during the early 1950s, highlighted by a prize-winning Poland China sow in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Towns developed a real passion for building his stock of Polled Hereford cattle and began traveling and attending sales to select top breeding animals to

improve his herd, mindful of being able to provide good breeding stock to the local farmers in Wilson and surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, he introduced his grandsons, Stanley and Stacey, to showing cattle through 4-H and FFA shows and fairs; his heifers and bulls won several championship prizes at these events; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Mr. Towns was a member of the Wilson County Commission for eight years during the 1970s, representing the Gladeville area, and served on the Tax Rate and Budget Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was a devout member of Gladeville Baptist Church, which he served faithfully over the years in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame honors those dedicated citizens who committed their lives to developing and maintaining the highest standards and principles in their chosen vocation, and it is fitting that we honor the memory of Aubrey Towns for his valuable service to agriculture and the farming community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Aubrey Towns upon his posthumous induction into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame, reflecting fondly upon his many contributions to upholding the agricultural traditions of Wilson County and the State of Tennessee.

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.