

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 215

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Timothy L. Redd on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Timothy L. Redd is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-two years as the Director of Farm Laboratories at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU); and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2013, Mr. Redd announced he is taking a much deserved retirement and, in honor of his service and celebration of his impending departure, the 2013 MTSU Agriculture Awards Banquet is being dedicated to him; and

WHEREAS, raised on a farm near Petersburg, Mr. Redd learned not only about cattle, crops, hogs, chickens, horses, and sheep, but also about the value of hard work and the satisfaction of a life of service, which he has truly accomplished both personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Redd earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from MTSU and a Masters of Science degree in animal nutrition from the University of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, during the 1970s, Mr. Redd embarked on a career of teaching agriculture, returning to his alma mater in 1980 to assume the position of Director of Farm Laboratories, from which he now will retire; and

WHEREAS, under his steady guidance, the MTSU Farm Laboratories program has grown to now include six full-time employees, numerous student workers, over seven-hundred-fifty acres, three herds of beef cattle, a working dairy linked to on-campus dairy processing, over two hundred acres of crops, an active and successful commercial garden and farmer's market,

a beekeeping program, and a furrow-to-finish swine operation, all of which makes this one of the most hands-on university farm laboratory programs in the nation; and

WHEREAS, as impressive as Mr. Redd's accomplishments as Farm Laboratories Director have been, his greatest achievement must be the lives he has changed in his role as a teacher. He has taught livestock management, dairy production, plant science, crop production, forage crops, feeds and feeding, and animal nutrition, but above all else, Timothy Redd has challenged his students and taught them to think; and

WHEREAS, since 2007, Mr. Redd has coached the MTSU Dairy Products Team and, impressively, his teams have won two national championships, numerous individual awards, and have never failed to place in the top five in national competitions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redd makes his home on Chestnut Ridge Farm, where he and his wife, Debbie, have raised five children. Together they will enjoy the coming years with friends and family, including their four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as MTSU's agriculture advocates enjoy the festivities of this year's MTSU Agriculture Awards Banquet, special joy is being felt for Timothy L. Redd, who is extremely deserving of the accolades of his colleagues for his countless contributions to the betterment of agricultural education at this educational institution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Timothy L. Redd our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in 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.