

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 963

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Harold Sims Pattat, Sr., of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Harold Sims Pattat, Sr., of Somerville; and

WHEREAS, Harold Sims Pattat, Sr., 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, a lifelong resident of Somerville, Harold Sims Pattat, Sr., was born on April 30, 1928, to C.E. Pattat, Sr., and Ethel Sims Pattat; he was a graduate of Fayette County High School, where he played football; and

WHEREAS, a farmer for all his life, Mr. Pattat was a member of the Tennessee Farm Bureau and took pride in working on his farm; he was frequently a participant of Mule Day in Columbia; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community, Mr. Pattat was a devoted member of Oak Grove United Methodist Church and attended First United Methodist Church of Somerville; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Pattat always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pattat will be fondly remembered but sadly mourned by his son, Harold S. (Kay) Pattat, Jr.; sister, Patricia Ann Pattat (Lynn) Gaither; brother, Billy G. Pattat; grandchildren, Carrie Pattat (Robert) Furman, John McNeill (Anne Marie) Pattat, Katie Pattat (James "Clark") Ortkiese, and Brent Joseph (Amy) Pattat; great-grandchildren, Mary Haynes Furman, Emma Claire Furman, John Parker Furman, James Preston Furman, Joseph Paine Furman, Jack Peter Furman, Lucy Mae Furman, Tallulah Jane Furman, Connor McNeill Pattat,

Hughes Sims Pattat, Mayes Whitfield Pattat, Mabel Grace Pattat, Harold "Harry" Tapp Ortkiese, Ruby McPhail Ortkiese, and Landen James Pattat; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Mr. Pattat was preceded in death by his first wife and childhood sweetheart, Mabel Jean Tapp Pattat; second wife, Lucille Tapp Pattat; a son, C.N. "Rod" Pattat; and a brother, C.E. Pattat, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Harold Sims Pattat, Sr., 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 General Assembly 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 Harold Sims Pattat, Sr., 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. Pattat.

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.