

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 116

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize DeWayne Perry on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Tennessee Extension in Williamson County.

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

WHEREAS, DeWayne Perry is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for more than forty years as an agent of the University of Tennessee Extension in Williamson County. He will be taking a much-deserved retirement on February 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, serving the agricultural community of Williamson County since 1974, Mr. Perry began his career as a 4-H agent, working with thousands of young people; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed to county director in 1984 and has worked with thousands of farmers, home owners, nurserymen, golf course superintendents, and others with agriculture-related problems in the county. By conducting workshops, classes, and office, farm, and home visits, Mr. Perry has faithfully served the citizens of Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated civil servant, DeWayne Perry has even allowed citizens to contact him on his cell phone to assist in problem solving; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Agricultural Exposition Park became a reality under his leadership, and the county's extension programs are ranked among the best in this State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including as a member of the Rodeo Committee of the Franklin Noon Rotary Club and as a major supporter for the successful return of the Williamson County Fair, serving on its board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, DeWayne Perry has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize DeWayne Perry upon his exemplary years of service with the University of Tennessee Extension in Williamson County on the occasion of his retirement and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for much success and happiness in 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.