

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness that the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners learned of the death of former Rutherford County Commissioner Joe Black Hayes, Sr., a friend of many; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes served as a County Commissioner from 1968–1990 and served on various Rutherford County boards, including the Board of Zoning Appeals (1976–1990), which included a stint as Chairman (1978–1986); the Rutherford County Planning Commission, and as the Planning Commission Chairman from January 1986 to January 1999; Chairman and member of the Rutherford County Conservation Board from 1970 until his retirement in 2001; and a member of the St. Clair Senior Center Board (1984–2000) which included a stint as Chairman (1991–1997); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes is survived by his sons, Joe Black Hayes, Jr., Rodney (Karen) Hayes, and Larry (Kathy) Hayes; nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren; and step-children, Larry (Nancy) McDonald and Gail (Aubrey) Smith; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes served his country in the US Navy from 1944-46; and

WHEREAS, he was a professor at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) until he retired in 1981, and Assistant Football Coach at MTSU from 1950-1969, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes started both the track & field and wrestling programs five years apart at MTSU in the 1950's; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes was named to the University of Tennessee Hall of Fame in 1989, Cumberland University Hall of Fame in 1992, Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds in 1993, Clara Barton Award from the American Red Cross for 50 years of service in 1996, MTSU Hall of Fame in 1997, and Old Timers Baseball Hall of Fame in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes made friends wherever he went and was loved by all who knew him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners at its regular session on this 16th day of January, 2014, does hereby extend sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. Joe Black Hayes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution of Sympathy be forwarded to the family of Mr. Hayes by the Clerk of this Legislative Body.

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