

House Resolution 869

By: Representative Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. James Nathan West and Mrs. Peggy Mays West; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, James Nathan West, a distinguished veteran and employee of the Ford Motor  
3 Company, was born in College Park, Georgia, on December 26, 1934; and

4 WHEREAS, at the age of 17, he joined the United States Navy and served with distinction  
5 during the Korean Conflict from 1952 to 1954 as a boilerman on a destroyer; and

6 WHEREAS, after he was honorably discharged from service, he earned his G.E.D. and  
7 became an apprentice as a plumber before joining the building maintenance staff at the  
8 Atlanta Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant in 1958 as a pipefitter and plumber; and

9 WHEREAS, with exceptional dedication and enthusiasm, he fulfilled his duties with the Ford  
10 Motor Company for nearly half a century, retiring on October 27, 2006, after 48 years of  
11 meritorious service and becoming the longest-serving pipefitter in the entire company of over  
12 150,000 employees; and

13 WHEREAS, Peggy Mays West, a native of Henry County, has been a stellar mother,  
14 homemaker, and a phenomenal wife, despite the difficulties posed by her life-long battle with  
15 polio and the loss of the use of one of her arms; and

16 WHEREAS, after she was diagnosed with polio at the age of 12, Peggy was admitted to  
17 Grady Hospital, where she was treated with the iron lung ventilator, before she spent a year  
18 in Warm Springs recovering; and

19 WHEREAS, Peggy Mays met James Nathan West while Peggy was in high school, and after  
20 several years of dating, the two were married on October 23, 1959, and the two have shared  
21 nearly 50 years of wonderful marriage; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. West have been inspirational pillars of the community throughout  
2 their lives, and they have provided stellar guidance and support to their three children,  
3 Tammy Weaver, James Nathan "Jimmy" West, Jr., and Jennifer Lynn "Jenny" Lawrence, and  
4 eight grandchildren.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 the members of this body honor the amazing lives of two of Georgia's finest citizens, Mr.  
7 James Nathan West and Mrs. Peggy Mays West; commend them for their extensive service  
8 to their community and to this state; and extend to them their sincerest best wishes for the  
9 future.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. James Nathan West and  
12 Mrs. Peggy Mays West.