

2002 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Commending Lester D. Pate.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 11, 2002
Agreed to by the Senate, January 17, 2002

WHEREAS, Lester D. Pate, of the Franklin County town of Boones Mill, has built an enviable reputation as a talented and versatile musician; and

WHEREAS, a banjo player for 44 years, Lester Pate, who also plays the guitar and stand bass, is skilled in musical forms as diverse as rock and roll, folk, country, gospel, and bluegrass; and

WHEREAS, music lovers have heard Lester Pate's artistry in churches, fraternal lodges, fairs, civic centers, weddings, stores, parades, and festivals; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Lester Pate has played with such well-known artists as Bill Monroe, Roni Stoneman, the Lewis Family, Don Reno and Red Smiley, Jim Eanes, John Conlee, and Dr. Ralph Stanley, with whom he has made two recordings; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2001, Lester Pate earned the rare honor of being named an Honorary Clinch Mountain Boy by the legendary Ralph Stanley; and

WHEREAS, for more than four decades, Lester Pate, a member of the Boones Mill Town Council and an active member of the Masonic Lodge and the Ruritan Club, has brought great enjoyment and pleasure to music lovers throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Lester D. Pate on his outstanding musical accomplishments; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lester D. Pate as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his extraordinary talents and his remarkably successful career.

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