## **Introduction of William “Bill” Farmer**

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## **House Standing Committee on****Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection**

**Rep. Robert Goforth**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

Today, we are honored to welcome before the House Standing Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection Mr. William Ralph “Bill” Farmer of Jackson County, or as he is known and loved by many, “Farmer Bill.”

Bill was born on March 5, 1931 in Lee County where he was raised and worked as a coal miner until he enlisted in the United States Army in 1950. Bill served as a construction engineer stationed in Germany until 1953. In 1952, he graduated from the non-commissioned officer’s academy, achieving the rank of corporal. Upon returning to the United States, Bill was stationed in the National Guard in Middletown, Ohio until 1956.

Bill and his late wife of 44 years, Gwendlyon, lived in Ohio for many years, where they raised their seven children. Bill was employed by Armco Steel for 35 years, and also served as a Butler County, Ohio Deputy Sheriff.

Bill and Gwendlyon returned home to Kentucky when Bill retired, and Bill has lived for many years in Jackson County, where he has become a well-known and active member of the community.

Bill, we thank you for your service on behalf of a grateful Nation and Commonwealth, and we salute you for all you have done throughout your life.

We would like to present Bill now with a special challenge coin in recognition of his service.

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