

HOUSE RESOLUTION 31  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Board of Supervisors, staff, auxiliary board members, and volunteers of the Williamson County Soil Conservation District.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary organizations that are celebrating a milestone in their venerable history; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Soil Conservation District is one such outstanding organization, which has diligently served Williamson County for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of this landmark anniversary, a reception will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2001, at the USDA Service Center Conference Room; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Soil Conservation District is a non profit legally organized subdivision of the State of Tennessee; the District was established January 8, 1951 and organized February of that year under the Soil Conservation District Act of 1939; and

WHEREAS, the district is governed by a Board of Supervisors consisting of five landowners residing in Williamson County; two Supervisors are appointed by the State Soil Conservation Committee and three are elected by the landowners of Williamson County; and

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WHEREAS, the current Board of Supervisors, Eddie Sanders, Chairman; William Edmondson, Vice Chairman; Billy Noland, Secretary and Treasurer; John Kinnie; and Sharon Hatcher have served the Williamson County Soil Conservation District with integrity, dedication, and a professional commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, the District is also ably served by one full-time staff member, an auxiliary board, volunteers, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, which assists the district in technical conservation and resource development work; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-14-206, the Williamson County Soil Conservation District's purpose is to encourage and assist landowners and landusers to voluntarily conserve, protect, and develop soil, water, and related plant and animal resources within Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, all services offered by the District are offered at no cost to any individual, group, organization, or governmental agency; and

WHEREAS, over the last five decades, the Williamson County Soil Conservation District has provided a variety of valuable services and programs including, hands-on information and education programs in schools; technical assistance in layout, design, and construction of Best Management Practices; access to aerial, soil, floodplain, topographical, and federal wetland maps; farm planning; soils information; state and federal cost-share programs; tree give-away; outdoor classrooms; soil stewardship activities; demonstrations and tours; Tennessee State Fair exhibits, the Agriculture Fun Fair; the conservation essay contest; and numerous public lectures; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Soil Conservation District, in its fifty years, has indeed established an outstanding record of public service; and it is an exceptional community, state, and national resource; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to one of Tennessee's most exemplary service organizations on the occasion of this significant anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate the Williamson County Soil Conservation District, which has astutely and industriously served the good people of Williamson County for fifty years, and wish its Board Supervisors, staff, auxiliary board members, and volunteers continued success in all their 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.