

HOUSE RESOLUTION 77
By Dunn

A RESOLUTION To honor Chris Vittletoe for catching the state record saugeye.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as fine examples of the quality of this State's populace; and

WHEREAS, Chris Vittletoe is one such noteworthy citizen who has attained an unparalleled measure of success as a fisherman; on July 18, 1998, he tied a state record when he caught an exceptionally large saugeye, which is a hybrid of a sauger and a walleye; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding angler, Mr. Vittletoe was fishing in the Clinch River when he noticed a powerful bite on the night crawlers that he was using as bait; and

WHEREAS, As he battled the monstrous fish, he utilized his vast expertise gleaned from countless hours of fishing and ultimately brought the creature to submission; later, it was determined upon checking with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency that the 10 pound, 12 ounce saugeye was of such immense size that it tied the state record; and

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WHEREAS, The great size of the fish is quite impressive, as the average weight of a saugeye is just one pound; Chris Vittletoe's remarkable achievement is a source of pride for his family, friends, and Tennessee's community of sportsmen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vittletoe epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are vital in achieving success and are also characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; 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 commend Chris Vittletoe for angling a 10 pound, 12 ounce saugeye and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.