

SENATE RESOLUTION 113  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Pulaski Elks  
Lodge 1827 on the celebration of their 50th  
anniversary.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should recognize citizens who are celebrating milestones in their lives; and

WHEREAS, The Pulaski Elks Lodge 1827 will celebrate such a milestone as the year 2001 marks the fiftieth anniversary of their being chartered; and

WHEREAS, This special occasion will be commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present, and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Columbia Elks Lodge 686 in 1950, the Pulaski Elks Lodge was issued its charter in 1951 with the following gentlemen holding offices, G. Clayton Lee, Exalted Ruler; Tommy Gordon, Leading Knight; Meyer Shum, Loyal Knight; Thomas D. Johnson, Lecturing Knight; Tommy W. Harrison, Secretary; William N. Horne, Treasurer; Jack Redding, Esquire; J.B. Garvin, Tiler; Joe W. Henry, Jr., Chaplain; Thomas H. Yokley, Inner Guard; and N.A. Abernathy, W.K. Jones, and J. Carson Simpson as Trustees; and

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WHEREAS, During this time, the Lodge met on South Second Street in a building called The Hampton House, which once stood where the parking lot of the current Pulaski Electric System is now located; and

WHEREAS, In 1955, The Hampton House was demolished and the Lodge moved to the second story of the King Building, located on Madison Street, where they stayed for a few months before purchasing a building on North First Street; and

WHEREAS, At that time the property at North First Street housed the Flaming Arrow Restaurant, at which place they stayed until 1994 when property at West College Street was purchased and a new building was built; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, the Elks moved into the West College Street address which has been their home ever since; and

WHEREAS, Over the years the Lodge has contributed to many charities and most requests for contributions; they presently sponsor a Little League Baseball Team, the Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and the Home for Abused Women; and

WHEREAS, The Elks also contribute to various community programs, such as those at Giles County High School, Richland High School, and all the Elementary and Middle schools in Giles County, as well as the Senior Citizens and numerous other charities; and

WHEREAS, They have also been quite active in the Hoop Shoot and this year will be the inaugural year for their Soccer Shoot; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, the Pulaski Elks Ladies Association (PELA) was reorganized, at which time they adopted the local Veterans' Home as their community project; and

WHEREAS, During the last four years, the ladies of PELA have contributed valuable time and energy to the Veterans' Home, including unlimited numbers of work hours, food and money, in addition to other philanthropies and numerous hours of support for the Elks Lodge; and

WHEREAS, PELA's 1998 Charter President, Paulette Birdsong, currently has the pleasure of serving as the 2001-02 State President for the Tennessee Elks Ladies Association (TELA); and

WHEREAS, Pulaski Elks Lodge 1827 continues to this day the philosophy, "ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE", which is evident in the continued level of support by their members and their families; they are also supportive of the local schools through donations and support of various types as well as a never-ending concern for our nation's veterans; and

WHEREAS, Officers during the year 2001-02 include Larry Ingram, Exalted Ruler; Jeff Braly, Leading Knight; Greg Harrison, Loyal Knight; Terry Jernigan, Lecturing Knight; Mark Waldeck, Secretary; Glen McCree, Treasurer; Steve Miner, Esquire; Harry Robinson, Tiler; Gary Abernathy, Chaplain; Morris Garner, Inner Guard; and Jim Birdsong, Hollis Hobbs, and Jerry Horn as Trustees; and

WHEREAS, As the celebration of the Pulaski Elks Lodge 1827 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary approaches, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to recognize this special group of people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate the Pulaski Elks Lodge 1827 on the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, extending to each member our best wishes for good health and many happy returns.

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