

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 114

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Coffee County Bank of Manchester for its promotion of economic responsibility through education in elementary schools.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those institutions that are dedicated to improving the quality of life for the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Coffee County Bank in Manchester is one such commendable institution that has recently initiated a program to educate the youth of Coffee County on financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes the need to introduce life skills such as maintaining a sense of personal responsibility and saving for the future to our young people at an early age in order to promote healthy habits and good financial sensibilities; and

WHEREAS, such skills are not always easily integrated into school curriculum or lessons from family; however, the Coffee County Bank has found both a fun and educational way to provide savings opportunities to our young people; and

WHEREAS, Coffee County Bank has opened miniature banks at Hillsboro Elementary School and Coffee Middle School, complete with Greeters, Tellers, Data Entry Clerks, Secretaries, Security Guards, and Public Relations and Customer Service Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the bank operation is staffed and run by students who have completed applications and interviewed for their respective positions; while "at work," the employees, along with customers, are given opportunities to apply real-life readiness skills toward an important objective: providing for the future; and

WHEREAS, according to Richard W. Riley, Secretary, U.S. Department of Education, "As students learn more about the value of saving, they will have the opportunity to work with

their parents in setting goals and gaining the good financial management habits they need to plan well for the future”; and

WHEREAS, the Coffee County Bank’s savings program is an extraordinary program that, along with participating schools, promotes thoughtful and conscientious application of real-life readiness skills, with both wide scope and universal application for the youth of our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend the efforts of the Coffee County Bank of Manchester in its establishment of a highly valued educational savings program that teaches personal responsibility, goal setting, and the essential life skill of saving for one’s future to the young people of this great State.

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