

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1371

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the 10th bi-annual Chapman-Bond-Chatman Family Reunion.

WHEREAS, the family is the basic building block that shapes our society, and the lives of family members, filled with work and play, love and laughter, illness and health, grief and disappointment, and success and achievement shape the course of our communities; the history of our State and nation is woven from the countless threads of the histories of families, and these family chronicles are worthy of our appreciation; and

WHEREAS, from July 4-6, 2008, the members of the Chapman-Bond-Chatman family will celebrate their 10th bi-annual reunion, as family members gather at the Holiday Inn in Jackson, Tennessee, to celebrate their rich collective history; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous family traces its roots to Jack and Molly Bond and Pumpie and Lillie Chapman of West Madison County; hundreds of their descendants will be in attendance at this historic event to celebrate a rich collective history dating back to the early 1800s; and

WHEREAS, these families were an integral part of the organization of St. John No. 2 Baptist Church in 1870, but sadly, since the last reunion of the Chapman-Bond-Chatman family, this historic West Madison County church was completely destroyed by a tornado on February 5, 2008; and

WHEREAS, it is evident that the Chapman-Bond-Chatman family has deep, well established roots in the Volunteer State, and we take great pleasure in joining in their celebration of family pride; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body is also pleased to recognize the many descendants of this strong and vital family of our State as they gather to remember their triumphs and

accomplishments, recall the various historical events in their family, and exchange news of current affairs; 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 10th bi-annual Chapman-Bond-Chatman Family Reunion, to be held in Jackson, and wish these fine people all the best as they renew family connections and revisit their shared history and memories.

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