

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1186

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the officers and members of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club on the occasion of the Club's 75th anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to commend those public service organizations whose members have banded together to serve their community, state, and nation through service projects and other activities of regional, national, and even international scope; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrenceburg Lions Club is one such organization, and it will be observing its 75th anniversary with a banquet on July 12, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International is the largest volunteer service organization in the world; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement of Lions Clubs International includes the noble objectives to create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation and to otherwise promote the principles of good government and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrenceburg Lions Club was authorized by Lions International on June 29, 1935, and the charter was signed on July 6, 1935; and

WHEREAS, the estimable members of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club endeavor to serve their community in numerous ways; the Club's primary charge over the past seventy-five years has been assisting those with visual problems, especially among youth and schoolchildren, this goal is accomplished through a number of impressive projects; and

WHEREAS, the civic efforts of the Lawrenceburg Lions include the screening of children for sight impairments; utilizing a recently purchased and highly accurate instrument, the Club has screened over 900 children for eye diseases in the past year alone; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the success of Club fundraisers, such as the annual Bean Dinner, Walking Horse Show, 4th of July Fish Fry, and a booth at the Mid-Tennessee State Fair, the Lawrenceburg Lions have contributed much-needed funds to sight service programs and various civic enterprises over the course of their seventy-five years; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrenceburg Lions Club has also sponsored a Little League baseball team for the past 55 years and awards two scholarships each year to deserving seniors from Lawrence County High School; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the members of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club have dedicated their time and energies to such estimable organizations as A Kids Place, The Women's Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, God's Storehouse, Spirit of Santa, and Lawrence County Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Club also built, maintains, and manages the Lions Home, which provides housing to more than ninety low-income elderly and other qualified Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club are an active and vital part of their community, with members serving in prominent roles in the Chamber of Commerce; moreover, the Club was instrumental in the establishment of David Crockett State Park; has donated \$100,000 to help kick-off the Kids Sight program; works closely with Vanderbilt Children's Clinic for referrals for care and surgery when needed; and when the local branch of Columbia State College needed money for room sponsorship, the Club donated \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club is a clear demonstration of the admirable Lions International motto: "We Serve!"; and

WHEREAS, the achievements of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club are clearly worthy of this legislative body's commendation and thanks; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the officers and members of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club in celebrating seventy-five years of superior accomplishments and outstanding service to their community, the State of Tennessee, this Nation, and the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank the Lawrenceburg Lions for their many contributions and offer them our best wishes for much continued success and satisfaction in the future.

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