

HOUSE RESOLUTION 271

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Hale Moss of Wilson County upon his election as Zone 6 Director of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to pay tribute to those exceptional Tennesseans who have achieved great success in their various areas of expertise as well as their professional careers; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding citizen is Mr. Hale Moss of Wilson County, who was recently elected by his peers to serve as the Zone 6 Director for the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE), representing the states of Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the IAFE is a voluntary, non-profit corporation that represents more than 2,600 members around the world and encourages the development and improvement of fairs, shows, exhibitions, and expositions; and

WHEREAS, elected to this important post in November 2009, Mr. Moss will serve a three-year term as the Zone 6 Director for IAFE, for which he is also currently serving as a member of the Agricultural Committee for the second time, having previously served on that esteemed committee in 1996-97; he has also served as Chair of the IAFE's Advertising Committee; and

WHEREAS, Hale Moss has gathered both state and national acclaim in his capacity as the president of both Wilson County Promotions and the Wilson County Fair Board since 1978, having been an original charter member and subsequently leading the annual Wilson County Fair in Lebanon to national recognition; and

WHEREAS, a successful businessman, Mr. Moss has been the owner and operator of Moss' Florist and Garden Center for thirty-three years, leading the thriving seed company, garden center/nursery, and florist, which employs twenty people and celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 2002; and

WHEREAS, prior to returning to manage the family business, Hale Moss imparted his vast knowledge of agricultural techniques and experience as a teacher of vocational agriculture at Lebanon High School, and he was appointed as Fair Administrator for the State of Tennessee by Commissioner Gil Thornton in 1973; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to his community is also evidenced by his service as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Wilson County Soil Conservation District since 1982, his three-year tenure on the Board of Directors of Mt. Juliet/West Wilson County, and as retail vice president of the Wilson County/Lebanon Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by his peers, Hale Moss served as the president of the Tennessee Association of Fairs in 1988, and as the Tennessee State Fair Beef Cattle superintendent since 1980; and

WHEREAS, he is also a charter member of the Wilson County Master Gardeners and the Horticulture Society of Tennessee, in addition to being an esteemed Lifetime Member of both the FFA Alumni and 4-H Alumni organizations; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Moss has received numerous honors, including the IAFE's Hardee's Volunteer Fair Manager Award, Hardee's American Heritage Award in 1994, and the Lebanon Jaycees Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Hale Moss received the prestigious Thornton Taylor Award from the Tennessee Association of Fairs in 1997. The award is given to someone currently active in Association work, respected by Association members across the state, and who has contributed to the Association in several capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moss truly embodies the dedication to public service, work ethic, and community pride of a true Tennessean and he should be specially recognized; now,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and

congratulate Mr. Hale Moss of Wilson County upon his election as the Zone 6 Director of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, salute his distinguished career and personal excellence, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

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