

HOUSE RESOLUTION 20

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the introduction of the new one-dollar commemorative coin honoring the Nation's seventeenth president, Andrew Johnson.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to honor those dedicated public servants who have led our nation with valor and integrity; and

WHEREAS, former president Andrew Johnson was one such estimable leader; his remarkable achievements will be remembered in a special ceremony at the Andrew Johnson Homestead in Greeneville on February 17, 2011, on which day the United States Mint will release a new one-dollar coin which commemorates President Johnson's term in office as the seventeenth president; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Dollar Coin Act of 2005 directs the U.S. Mint to strike and issue four, one-dollar coins each year which feature the images of the U.S. presidents in the order in which they served in office; and

WHEREAS, President Johnson's coin, the seventeenth released overall, will be the first of the four released in 2011, followed by coins for presidents Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, and James A. Garfield; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Johnson was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1808 but spent much of his life in Tennessee, where he served as a member of the Tennessee General Assembly and later as the elected governor; and

WHEREAS, he served in Congress as a member of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate before being appointed as the Military Governor of Tennessee by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862; and

WHEREAS, in 1864, he was nominated as the Vice President of the United States and, upon the assassination of President Lincoln in 1865, Andrew Johnson was sworn in as President, serving until the end of his term in 1869; and

WHEREAS, the ceremony at the historic home of President Johnson will include the presentation of the new coin, which will be presented by Dan Shaver, Chief Council for the U.S. Mint; Daniel Luther, who will portray Andrew Johnson; Bill Hickerson, president of the Andrew Johnson Bank; and Lizzie Watts, superintendent for the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, following the presentation, the public will be able to exchange their cash for the newly minted coin, and the first 500 children age eighteen and younger will receive the new coin for free to commemorate the event; the one-dollar coin will be widely available at banks and financial institutions on February 17, 2011; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby join with the good people of the State of Tennessee in celebrating the release of this new one-dollar commemorative coin honoring the Nation's seventeenth president, Andrew Johnson.

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