

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 209

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the Moss Brothers Seed Company upon its induction into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding institutions who are dedicated to promoting the importance of farming in our society; and

WHEREAS, agriculture has been a cornerstone of Wilson County since the county's founding in 1799, and those businesses involved in agriculture have always been a vital part of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Moss Brothers Seed Company is one such estimable business, which was recently inducted into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the origins of Moss Brothers Seed Company can be traced to the early 1900s when Charlie Mack Moss and Florence Beasley Moss settled in the Mt. Juliet area and began cultivating their fields, living off the land, and raising their three daughters and three sons; and

WHEREAS, before opening the Moss Brothers Seed Company, the Moss family had already produced a plethora of successful farming ventures, including raising cattle, hogs, and sheep and growing corn, KY 31 fescue, and clovers; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1950s, Charlie Mack Moss and his three sons, John M. Moss, Charles B. Moss, and Louis A. Moss, founded the Moss Brothers Seed Company in order to provide their community with quality service and superior products; and

WHEREAS, starting as a small agri-business on Division Street in Mt. Juliet, the Moss Brothers Seed Company soon became a growing enterprise and was moved to a larger facility on Highway 70; and

WHEREAS, catering specifically to the needs of the farming community, the Moss Brothers Seed Company supplied its patrons with the finest seed, feed, and fertilizer and featured a state-of-the art seed cleaning operation and all electric equipment, including corn shellers, graders, separators, and gravity table to prepare seed for the market; and

WHEREAS, this highly-influential establishment in the agriculture industry was also a member of the Tennessee Crop Improvement Association, in which Charles Moss rendered sterling service as its president for several years; and

WHEREAS, more than a simple store, the Moss Brothers Seed Company was truly a gathering place, where local farmers could sit around the old coal burning stove and discuss weather, politics, and regional happenings; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous success of this Tennessee treasure would not have been possible without the tireless efforts and farming acumen of the Moss brothers; and

WHEREAS, before going on to his great reward, Louis A. Moss cherished many years of marital bliss with Virginia Powell; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. Moss was married to Ilene Hale, and he was the proud father of Hale Moss and Susan Owen and the doting grandfather of four precious grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, John M. Moss is grateful for the love and support he shares with his beloved wife, Martha Dale. Their blessed union has produced four children, Louis, Mack, John Dale, and Kyle Moss; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, today, this magnificent establishment operates as a garden center and florist, and even though it has undergone significant changes throughout the years, its time-honored philosophy remains the same: uphold the highest tenants of integrity and follow the golden rule; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame honors those dedicated citizens and companies that are committed to developing and maintaining the highest agricultural standards and principles, and it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor the Moss brothers, their phenomenal business, and their lifetime of farming achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and applaud the Moss Brothers Seed Company upon its induction into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame and honor John M. Moss and the memories of Charles B. Moss and Louis A. Moss for their laudable contributions to upholding the agricultural traditions of Wilson County and the State of Tennessee.

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