

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 623

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Woodland View Farm, a Tennessee Century Farm.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor and recognize those exceptional farming families who, through their dedication to the ancient and esteemed traditions of agriculture, have made significant contributions to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, the Herbert family of Williamson County certainly rank among those estimable Tennessee farming families; Woodland View Farm, owned and operated by the family since 1820, has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm in recognition of its long and illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Century Farms Program recognizes those families who have owned and farmed the same land for over a century, and also documents and interprets the State's history and culture of farming; and

WHEREAS, a native of England, Richard Herbert established the Woodland View Farm in 1820; the 100-acre farm produced cattle, swine, grains, and foodstuffs; and

WHEREAS, Robert Nathaniel Herbert became the farm's second-generation owner; he was the father of nine children; Robert Nathaniel Herbert was a successful farmer of grain and livestock; and

WHEREAS, the founder's great-grandson, George O. Herbert, obtained title to the farm's original 100-acres in 1968, and became the third-generation owner of the family farm; he, along with his son R.N. Herbert, expanded the farm to 220 acres; and

WHEREAS, under the ownership of George O. Herbert and R.N. Herbert, the Woodland View Farm produced hay, grain, livestock, cattle, and swine; and

WHEREAS, a barn built in 1845 and a rock springhouse remained on the property at that time and were still used by the family; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as the members of the Herbert family, who have demonstrated a deep respect for tradition and hard work and a love for the land; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate owner R.N. Herbert and the Herbert family, whose Woodland View Farm has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm, commend the family for their dedication to agriculture, and wish them all the best in their 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.