

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 64

By Sanderson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the members and leadership of Hess Lodge #93 Free and Accepted Masons of Dyersburg on the celebration of their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 8, 2015.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those organizations that have reached a milestone in their illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, the Hess Lodge #93 Free and Accepted Masons of Dyersburg, chartered on October 9, 1840, is one such noteworthy organization that has a long-standing record of meritorious public service; and

WHEREAS, the Hess Lodge's first meeting under the new charter occurred on November 7, 1840, but its first meeting took place on March 14, 1840; and

WHEREAS, the Dyersburg Masons' first stationed officers were James Smith, the Worshipful Master; Marcus Mitchell, the Senior Warden; and Stephen Hale, the Junior Warden; and

WHEREAS, the Masons' Hess Lodge has been in continuous operation since 1840, to the great benefit of all Dyer Countians; and

WHEREAS, current officers include Rob Hammond, the Worshipful Master; David Chrisman, the Senior Warden; Scott Hall, the Junior Warden; Mike Lamb, the Treasurer; Stephen Dycus, the Secretary; Paul Tally, the Senior Deacon; Wayne Waldron, the Junior Deacon; Jay Wells, the Senior Steward; Danny O Parker, the Junior Steward; Gayle Percival, the Tyler; and James Strayhorn, the Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, many Dyersburg Masons have distinguished themselves as men of stature in our great State and nation; and

WHEREAS, the Dyersburg Masons have further assisted the youth of our State through the inspirational leadership they provide in their community; and

WHEREAS, it is for the noble efforts of the Hess Masonic Lodge #93 of Dyersburg that this legislative body is most thankful; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the members and officers of Hess Lodge #93 Free and Accepted Masons of Dyersburg for 175 years of meritorious service to their community.

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