

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 230

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION recognizing Fentress County Agricultural Fair as Tennessee's 2014 Single "A" Division Champion Fair.

WHEREAS, the advent of annual county fairs across the State over the past century is a shining example of the tradition of the celebration of farming and agriculture in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one of the most renowned county fairs held in Tennessee is the Fentress County Agricultural Fair, which in January 2015 was selected and honored by the Tennessee Association of Fairs for a remarkable eighth time as the 2014 Single "A" Division Champion Fair; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding recognition has been won by the Fentress County Agricultural Fair in 1992, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, and 2010. Three times this entity received Premier Fair Awards, and in 1998 and 2007, Fentress County Agricultural Fair won the State of Tennessee's Champion of Champions Fair; and

WHEREAS, the Fentress County fair has a long and varied history but county historical records verify the beginning of the modern-era Fentress County Agricultural Fair in 1928; and

WHEREAS, for eighty-six years, in the late summer, Fentress Countians have continued traditions of fellowship, enjoyment, and competition on the fairgrounds, where they showcase the fruits of their harvests, the prime livestock of their herds, and the sewing, canning, and arts and crafts of Tennessee's citizens; and

WHEREAS, today the Fentress County Agricultural Fair is permanently sited on a thirty-two-acre tract of land that belongs to the county's fair association; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Fentress County Agricultural Fair Board of Directors was composed of President Jimmy Sweet, Vice President Chris Watson, Secretary/Treasurer Cindy

Smith, East Tennessee Vice President Brenda Pierce-Williams, Darlene Davis, Faye Stephens, Angie Starr, Sandra Cooper, Richard Beaty, Jeff Crabtree, Lee Little, and Greg Weaver; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Fentress County, guided by a conscientious and competent board of agriculture leaders, are due recognition and accolades from this General Assembly for their excellence in preserving our State's agrarian history and perpetuating the future celebration and appreciation of farming and agriculture in this great State; 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 recognize and commend the citizens of Fentress County for their Fentress County Agricultural Fair and its eighth Single "A" Division Champion Fair title, and extend to them all our best wishes for even greater success 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.