

HOUSE RESOLUTION 29

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A RESOLUTION to honor Mark Klepper of Greene County, national runner-up, American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Mark Klepper of Greene County, who was recently named the national runner-up for the prestigious American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, this illustrious honor from the American Farm Bureau Federation recognizes farmers under the age of thirty-five who have excelled in their farming/ranching operations and honed their leadership abilities to superiority; and

WHEREAS, each contestant is evaluated on a combination of their farming operation growth and financial progress of operation, as well as leadership outside of Farm Bureau. To be considered at a national level, farmers must show excellence in management, growth, and scope of the enterprise and self-initiative that have been displayed throughout the operation; and

WHEREAS, the owner of Woodlawn Farm, Mr. Klepper is the fourth generation to farm his great-grandfather's farm. He farms over 1,700 acres in Greene County, where he raises beef cattle, poultry, swine, and row crops; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his church and involved in a number of farm and civic organizations, Mr. Klepper enjoys the love and support of his wife, Cindy, and their two sons, Evan and Luke; and

WHEREAS, Mark Klepper epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and the members of this legislative body find it appropriate to specially recognize him for his exceptional accomplishment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Mark Klepper upon his selection as national runner-up for the American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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