

HOUSE RESOLUTION 301

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A RESOLUTION to honor Jay Head of Montgomery County, 2015 Tennessee Young Farmer of the Year and national runner-up for the 2016 American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award.

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

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Jay Head of Montgomery County, who was recently named the national runner-up for the prestigious 2016 American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award, after having been honored as the 2015 Tennessee Young Farmer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award 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, Jay Head and his wife, Tara Jo, farm in partnership with Mr. George Marks on a diversified operation near Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, on their farm, Jay and Tara Jo Head produce corn, soybeans, wheat, cattle, and dark fired tobacco; they also sell some of their beef directly to people looking for quality, local cuts of meat; and

WHEREAS, the Case IH Farmall tractor awarded to Jay Head as national runner-up will be put to good use cultivating tobacco and working in the hay fields this summer; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his hard work and success as a farmer, Jay Head gives back to the agriculture community through his service on the Montgomery County Farm Bureau board, the Austin Peay school farm advisory committee, the alumni board of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, the Montgomery County Co-op board, and the Cumberland Region Tomorrow board of directors; and

WHEREAS, he previously served two years on the State Young Farmer and Rancher committee as vice chairman; and

WHEREAS, Jay Head also hosts farm tours for area elementary students, STEM students, and leadership classes; and

WHEREAS, their many professional accomplishments aside, Jay and Tara Jo Head are most grateful for their newly born son and future farmhand, Jamison; and

WHEREAS, Jay Head epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and the members of this legislative body find it appropriate to recognize him for his exceptional accomplishments as a farmer; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Jay Head upon his selection as national runner-up for the 2016 American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award and as the 2015 Tennessee Young Farmer of the Year 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.