

SENATE RESOLUTION 151

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mason Hale upon Laurel Creek Farm being named 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 Hale family of Van Buren County certainly ranks among those estimable Tennessee farming families; Laurel Creek Farm, owned and operated by the family since 1870, 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, established in 1870, Laurel Creek Farm has never passed out of family hands, and the family patriarch, Mason Hale, resides there in the original home and farms the land today; and

WHEREAS, the Hale family has been an integral part of the Laurel Creek community for over 100 years and contributed the property for the construction and establishment of Laurel Creek Baptist Church in 1870; and

WHEREAS, today, Mason Hale and the Hale family rightfully take great pride in their storied heritage and many contributions to the rich history of Van Buren County; 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 Mason Hale and the Hale 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate owner Mason Hale and the Hale family, whose Laurel Creek Farm has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm, commend Mr. Hale and his 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.