

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 944

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the University of Tennessee Plateau AgResearch and Education Center on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, according to the 1943 Annual Report of the University of Tennessee (UT) Agricultural Experiment Station, "Prominent citizens presented the matter to Governor Prentice Cooper and the members of the Legislature, with the results that \$30,000 was appropriated for buildings and general operating purposes, but not for land."; and

WHEREAS, UT leaders, Bird, Bohanon, Converse, and others then approached the Cumberland County Court with the possibility of the establishment of an experiment station if UT could be granted the necessary land. The court subsequently voted \$10,000 for the purchase of 588 acres and sold the land to UT for \$1.00, and through an Act of the General Assembly, the Plateau Experiment Station was officially established on April 12, 1943; and

WHEREAS, for the past seventy-five years, researchers at UT Plateau AgResearch Center continue to solve agricultural problems that will improve livestock production; enhance fruit, vegetable, and nursery crops; and improve the profitability of a producer's land; and

WHEREAS, the UT Plateau AgResearch and Education Center serves as one of ten outdoor research and training laboratories for the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the work performed at the Plateau AgResearch and Education Center helps drive Tennessee's approximately \$75 billion agriculture-based economy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the University of Tennessee Plateau AgResearch

and Education Center on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary as we extend our best wishes for much continued success in all its 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.