

HOUSE BILL 68

By Littleton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3, relative to the designation of the Robert Spicer Memorial Buck Dance Championship as the official buck dancing competition of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, buck dancing is an American folk dance combining elements of African and Celtic dance; and

WHEREAS, buck dancing is an important American art form widespread in the Southern Appalachian region; and

WHEREAS, Robert Spicer of Dickson taught buck dancing to countless others in public parks and community centers in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Robert Spicer and his students traveled across the region to perform and cultivate interest in buck dancing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer received the Bill Field Heritage Award and was named a National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellow for his efforts to preserve buck dancing as an American art form; and

WHEREAS, the Robert Spicer Memorial Buck Dance Championship was established in 2010 to recognize not only Robert Spicer's contributions to the preservation of buck dancing, but also his legacy of kindness and mentorship; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Robert Spicer Memorial Buck Dance Championship is hereby designated the official buck dance competition of Tennessee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.