

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 408

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Tennessee Farm Bureau, Farm Credit Mid-America, and Tennessee Farmers Cooperative for their efforts to combat hunger through Shooting Hunger Sporting Clays events.

WHEREAS, one in seven Tennesseans, or nearly one million Tennesseans, are food insecure, which is defined by the United States Department of Agriculture as limited or uncertain access to enough food to support a healthy life; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's food insecurity rate is 14.5 percent, the fifteenth highest in the country, and surpasses the national average of 12.9 percent, and

WHEREAS, one in five Tennessee children struggle with hunger, making Tennessee's child food insecurity rate the eighteenth highest in the country; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans struggle with hunger in every county and House District in the State; those experiencing food insecurity are our neighbors, children who sit next to our own at school, and the people behind us in the checkout line; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to combat hunger in Tennessee, Tennessee Farm Bureau, Farm Credit Mid-America, and Tennessee Farmers Cooperative have teamed up to host regional sporting clays events called Shooting Hunger; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the sporting clays events benefit Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee and Mid-South Food Bank, which directly aid those affected by hunger across the State; and

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Shooting Sports Park, the Nashville Gun Club, and their respective communities have graciously hosted events and supported this noble mission; and

WHEREAS, Shooting Hunger Sporting Clays events unite the agriculture community and Tennessee businesses to come together and support a common cause that affects citizens in all communities in our great State; and

WHEREAS, since the first annual event in 2015, which featured twenty teams and raised enough money for 88,000 meals, Shooting Hunger has expanded to two events per year in the western and middle regions of the State; and

WHEREAS, participation in the event has grown exponentially since its inception, and in 2018, Shooting Hunger Sporting Clays events hosted more than 1,100 attendees and 132 teams, providing 477,000 meals for those who struggle with hunger across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in total, Shooting Hunger Sporting Clays events have provided more than one million meals to help end hunger in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Tennessee Farm Bureau, Farm Credit Mid-America, and Tennessee Farmers Cooperative for their efforts to combat hunger through Shooting Hunger Sporting Clays events.

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