

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 893

By Marsh

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate The Webb School on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary educational institutions that have made significant contributions, through an abiding commitment to excellence, to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy institution is The Webb School, which is celebrating its sesquicentennial this year; for 150 years, The Webb School has offered an unmatched educational experience and fostered the growth and broadening of some of Tennessee's finest minds; and

WHEREAS, the oldest continuously operating boarding school in the South, The Webb School was founded in Culleoka in 1870 by William Robert "Sawney" Webb, a gentleman who was active in educational, political, religious, social, and community affairs; and

WHEREAS, the school moved to its present location in Bell Buckle in 1886; today, it is a coeducational, college preparatory school for its 317 boarding and day students in grades six through twelve, representing fifteen countries and fourteen states; and

WHEREAS, The Webb School's goal is to motivate young men and women to fulfill their promise, and administrators, faculty, staff, and students are all guided by the school's core values of honor, character, integrity, and civility; and

WHEREAS, the school's mission is to "turn out young people who are tireless workers, and who know how to work effectively; who are accurate scholars; who know the finer points of morals and practice them in their daily living; who are always courteous," and its 150-year-old Honor Code is the framework in which students grow into principled young adults; and

WHEREAS, students at The Webb School receive a mindful, global education that reflects a continuing commitment to graduate active citizens of the world; an emphasis is placed on critical thinking, creative initiative, written and oral communication skills, and civic responsibility with a challenging academic curriculum and full extracurricular program that prepares graduates for college and for life; and

WHEREAS, distinguished alumni include eleven Rhodes Scholars and a number of state governors, including former Tennessee Governor Prentice Cooper, as well as distinguished public officials, attorneys, doctors, educators, writers, business professionals, and journalists; and

WHEREAS, for 150 years, The Webb School has connected to the values of its original visionaries while looking to the future, and the school should be honored on this most auspicious occasion; 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 honor The Webb School on the occasion of its 150th anniversary, commend its administration, faculty, and staff, both past and present, for their dedication to the highest tenets of education, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.