

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 546

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Tallest Post Oak in the United States.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that Tennessee landmarks be recognized when they are special and outstanding in relation to the rest of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Post Oak is an exemplary tree that is characterized by its magnificent stature; and

WHEREAS, it is a slow-growing and hardy oak that lives in dry, poor soils and is resistant to rot, fire, and drought; Post Oak trees are known to live for more than 400 years; and

WHEREAS, in Hamilton County, there is a unique Post Oak tree that represents Tennessee as a special tree beyond any standard of any Post Oak in the entire United States; and

WHEREAS, Post Oaks rarely grow more than fifty feet in height; and

WHEREAS, in the entire United States, there is only one other tree with a recorded height just at, but not exceeding, 100 feet; and

WHEREAS, this tree in Hamilton County has been recognized and its dimensions verified by the Tennessee Forestry Department to be over 112 feet in height; and

WHEREAS, this tree is the tallest known Post Oak in the entire United States; and

WHEREAS, no documented Post Oak in the entire world is known to be taller than this tree; and

WHEREAS, we wish to state to the world that Tennessee's forests are the most botanically diverse and beautiful of any state; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee takes pride in preserving for future generations this irreplaceable and tallest of recorded Champion Tree specimens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the Tallest Post Oak tree for its representation of the pride Tennessee takes in having this superior and unequaled tree.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we applaud the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for recognizing, promoting, and protecting agricultural treasures such as the Post Oak tree in Hamilton County.

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