

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 873

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Keep Morristown-Hamblen Beautiful on its successful Seventh Annual BOPAE event.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those community-based events that encourage the proper storage and disposal of hazardous waste, protecting the environment and the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such event is the Seventh Annual BOPAE, which was held by Keep Morristown-Hamblen Beautiful in October 2019 at no charge to residents of Hamblen County; volunteers collected 27,554 pounds of waste to be recycled or disposed of in more sustainable and eco-friendly ways; and

WHEREAS, BOPAE is an acronym for batteries, oil, paint, antifreeze, and electronics; while these items contain material that is only mildly hazardous, they do exhibit some characteristics that prevent them from being disposed of with regular garbage, thus requiring a specialized means of disposal; and

WHEREAS, during the 2019 BOPAE event, more than 230 participants dropped off 1,002 pounds of batteries, 5,021 pounds of used oil, 6,524 pounds of paint, 4,712 pounds of WTE, 9,960 pounds of electronic waste, and 335 pounds of light bulbs and universal waste; household items such as paper, cardboard, and metal were also collected; and

WHEREAS, BOPAE materials comprise about eighty-five percent of all waste brought to Household Hazardous Waste events; the State of Tennessee began promoting BOPAE events in 2007 to supplement the existing Household Hazardous Waste program by providing additional free disposal options for residents at a minimal cost to the State, as the money saved

from diverting BOPAE materials can be used to collect more hazardous materials across the State; and

WHEREAS, the Seventh Annual BOPAE event was held at JTEKT plant No. 3 in the Morristown Airport Industrial District and was hosted by Keep Morristown-Hamblen Beautiful as well as JTEKT, Tuff Torq, and Enterprise Oil, in collaboration with the Hamblen County Government and the City of Morristown; and

WHEREAS, Keep Morristown-Hamblen Beautiful's Seventh Annual BOPAE event was a successful zero-landfill collection of materials that will benefit the citizens of Morristown, Hamblen County, and this State for years to come, and it is worthy of our approbation; 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 and commend Keep Morristown-Hamblen Beautiful on its successful Seventh Annual BOPAE event and extend our best wishes for every 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.