

SENATE RESOLUTION 7029 of the First Extraordinary Session

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Windy Hill Farm of Wilson County, a
Tennessee Pioneer Century Farm.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor and recognize those exceptional farming families who, through their dedication to the ancient and esteemed traditions of agriculture, have made significant contributions to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, the Logue and Coleman families of Wilson County certainly rank among those estimable Tennessee farming families, and their farm, owned and operated by the family since the late-1700s, has been designated a Tennessee Pioneer Century Farm in recognition of its long and illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Century Farms program was created in 1975 by the State through the Department of Agriculture; the program's purpose is to recognize and document the contributions of families who have owned and farmed the same land for at least 100 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University assumed the responsibility of the program and now documents at least one Century Farm in all of Tennessee's ninety-five counties; and

WHEREAS, Pioneer Century Farms are those farms founded in or prior to the year 1796, when Tennessee became a state; and

WHEREAS, in May 1789, John Logue, Jr., established Windy Hill Farm on the 1,000 acres he received as a military land grant for his service in the Revolutionary War; Mr. Logue and his wife, Eleanor Telford-Tinnen Logue, had five children, and the family raised corn, hay, swine, and cattle as primary crops. Ten years after the farm's founding, it would become part of the newly established Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Logue's son, Cairnes Logue, inherited the farm, and he and his wife, Margaret "Peggy" Randal Logue, had eight children; in addition to serving in the War of 1812 under Captain Eli Hammon, Cairnes Logue ran Windy Hill Farm and operated a tannery; and

WHEREAS, Cairnes Logue built a log home on the property around 1811 and a larger home in 1814, as dated by a rock that is part of the intact chimney, which remains on the farm in addition to a smokehouse and barn from that period. In 1860, he had 350 acres and owned six slaves; and

WHEREAS, Tapley Green Logue, Sr., son of Cairnes and Peggy Logue, farmed 574 acres, having purchased some of the original farm from his siblings; he continued farming and operating the tannery, and he also did business as a broker and moneylender; and

WHEREAS, Tapley Logue, Sr., married Nancy Ann Bass, and the couple had twelve children; of these, Franklin Lindsay Logue acquired the property, and he and his wife, Daisy Cantrell Logue, had four children and farmed 160 acres; and

WHEREAS, the current owner of Windy Hill Farm is Martha Janice Logue Coleman, granddaughter of Franklin and Daisy Logue; she can still recall her grandmother cooking on a wood stove for soldiers who were holding maneuvers on the farm during World War II; and

WHEREAS, the great-great-great-granddaughter of the original owner, Martha Coleman inherited her portion of the family farm in 1972; she and her husband, Herman M. Coleman, raised cattle for a number of years and continue to have hay and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as the members of the Logue and Coleman families, who have demonstrated a deep respect for tradition and hard work and a love for the land; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Logue and Coleman families for their dedication to agriculture, recognizing the importance of the family farm to our rural communities and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and honor the Logue and Coleman families upon the Windy Hill Farm being designated as a Tennessee Pioneer Century Farm, commend their dedication to agriculture, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

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