

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 414
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A RESOLUTION to designate John Sevier as "The Father of Tennessee".

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who through their contributions are credits to the development of the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during this Bicentennial year, the great state of Tennessee has for 200 years received leadership from outstanding individuals; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual in the history of Tennessee is John Sevier, the first governor of Tennessee statehood in 1796; and

WHEREAS, he served a total of six terms from 1796-1801 and 1803-1809, after which he served in the Senate and served two terms in Congress; and

WHEREAS, John Sevier distinguished himself with honor, valor, heroism, and leadership as the first governor of the great state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he was one of the first white settlers of Tennessee, securing new lands from the Indians for the new state, and opened new roads into the area to encourage settlement; and

WHEREAS, a successful merchant, commonwealth builder, outstanding military and civil leader, he laid the foundation for a strong and lasting state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That

we designate John Sevier "The Father of Tennessee" during Tennessee's 1996 Bicentennial Year.

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

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