

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 392

By Garrett

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the citizens of White House upon the fiftieth anniversary of the city's incorporation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should join with the municipalities that comprise this great State in celebrating joyous and historic occasions; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of White House are most assuredly deserving of special recognition as they celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their fair city's incorporation under State law; and

WHEREAS, the history of White House can be traced back to 1829, when Richard Stone Wilks built a large two-story clapboard house on a parcel of land lying in both Sumner County and Robertson County; and

WHEREAS, this house, which he operated as an inn, was built along what was originally a buffalo and Native American trail that had become a well-traveled route between Louisville, Kentucky, and Nashville for stagecoaches and other travelers; commonly known as the L&N Pike then, this route is officially known as U.S. Highway 31W today; and

WHEREAS, the inn was painted white, an unusual feature during pre-Civil War times, when buildings were usually built from raw wood and left unadorned by paint; and

WHEREAS, stagecoach drivers and passengers and other travelers began referring to the inn as "The White House," thus giving the community its name; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of the White House Inn is carried on through the city's name for all to remember its historic beginnings; and

WHEREAS, the village that originally surrounded the inn was not incorporated until 1971, when it officially became the City of White House; and

WHEREAS, from these humble beginnings, White House has been transformed from "a wide spot in the road" into a vibrant and growing community of 13,000 people; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2021, the City of White House will host a birthday party to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary; the event will feature a program honoring local leaders, live music, and a multitude of free, fun-filled activities for the entire family; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of White House have added and continue to add immeasurably to the strength and character of Tennessee; their history and accomplishments have helped to build the cultural richness for which this State is known; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor this fine community and its citizenry as they commemorate this significant milestone in their historic existence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the citizens of White House upon the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of their city's incorporation and extend to them our best wishes for continued success, growth, and prosperity in their outstanding community.

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.