

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 453

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the 100th anniversary of the Memorial Day program at Pisgah Church.

WHEREAS, Memorial Day each year serves as a solemn reminder of the scourge of war and as a national day of remembrance to appropriately honor American patriots lost in pursuit of peace and liberty around the world; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, the United States Congress officially designated the last Monday in May as Memorial Day, the day of remembrance we know today, but many communities across this great nation have held annual commemoration programs for decades; and

WHEREAS, one such longtime local Memorial Day program is the one held annually at Pisgah Church in Greene County; this year will mark the 100th anniversary of the program; and

WHEREAS, the very first Memorial Day program at Pisgah Church was held on May 25, 1919, and honored all veterans, including those returning from the recently concluded first World War, and followed the recent unveiling of the Union Soldiers Monument at the Greene County Courthouse just one month previously; and

WHEREAS, even though there is sadness in remembering the dead of our nation's wars, Memorial Day is a celebration of hope that the ideals of peace, freedom, and prosperity will shine forever bright in the life of our nation and the lives of her citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the 100th anniversary of the Memorial Day program at Pisgah Church in Greene County and join with our fellow Tennesseans in respectful tribute to all the sons and daughters of this great nation who gave their lives in service to their country.

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