

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 483

By Reedy

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Nate and Nathan Pulley as the 2015 Houston County Soil Conservation Farmers of the Year.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding citizens of our State who have committed themselves to sustaining the natural resources of Tennessee in a manner that provides economic enrichment while preserving valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, two such individuals are Nate and Nathan Pulley, the owners of two farms, one encompassing 500 acres of farmland, and another 400-acre farm. As such, both father and son were recently named the 2015 Houston County Soil Conservation Farmers of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Pulleys have a long history on Waverly Road, where they raise cattle and hay on their farms. The primary 135-acre farm belonged to Nathan Pulley's great uncle until it was purchased by his father, and a nearby 192-acre farm belonged to his wife's grandfather; they own another 100-acre farm further down the road; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Pulley has since made a practice of acquiring and preserving farms, having lived and worked on a farm since the age of twelve; and

WHEREAS, with the continuation of that tradition, Nathan Pulley and his son, Nate, are the first father and son selected as co-farmers of the year, according to Soil Conservation District Chairman Bill Mayo; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, the two have participated in the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's (TDA) Ag Resource Conservation Fund; and

WHEREAS, an industrious worker, Nathan Pulley has installed approximately 3,000 feet of cross fencing for rotational grazing, 800 feet of underground outlet pipeline, one sediment

control basin, one acre of critical area planting, one acre of mulching, and thirty-three-and-a-half acres of pasture planting; and

WHEREAS, in the name of conservation, Nathan has also protected various existing buildings on his farm that are constructed with logs and estimated to be approximately 150 years old; and

WHEREAS, an inheritor of the same stalwart work ethic, Nate Pulley has installed more than 2,200 feet of cross fencing for rotational grazing and plans to install 2,500 feet of stream exclusion fencing; and

WHEREAS, the commitment of Nate and Nathan Pulley to preserving this State's natural resources through conservation farming is most assuredly deserving of recognition by this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Nate and Nathan Pulley on being named the 2015 Houston County Soil Conservation Farmers of the Year and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

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