

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 523

By Durham

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Battle Ground Academy on the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those venerable educational institutions that are celebrating momentous occasions in their long and storied histories; and

WHEREAS, Battle Ground Academy (BGA) is one such institution which, in 2014, will mark its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For 125 years, this school, named for its original location on the grounds of the Battle of Franklin, has offered an unmatched educational experience and fostered the growth and broadening some of Tennessee's finest minds; and

WHEREAS, established in 1889, BGA served first as a co-educational school. With the construction in 1929 of dormitories to house boarding students, the school transitioned into an all-male facility; and

WHEREAS, it was in 1979 that the school transitioned once again, returning from a boarding school to a co-educational facility; and

WHEREAS, BGA moved its Upper School from the original site on Columbia Avenue to a new state-of-the-art campus on Mack Hatcher Parkway in the 1990s and, in 2003, the Middle School moved to the new campus. In 1998, BGA acquired the former Harpeth Academy in Franklin, which now serves as the campus for the Lower School; and

WHEREAS, over the past 125 years, BGA has cultivated a number of traditions, perhaps none so storied as the annual Tug which, since 1936, has pitted the societies of Plato and Greer against one another in a grand tug-of-war over the Harpeth River in a grand battle of strength, will, and determination; and

WHEREAS, the administration, teachers, staff, and students of BGA have, over the past 125 years, cultivated an atmosphere of educational, athletic, and personal excellence within the school that is second-to-none, and it is fitting that this body recognize the august institution on this occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Battle Ground Academy on the occasion of its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, extending our best wishes for the fine institution's continued success in the future.

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