

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 545

By Sargent

A RESOLUTION to honor Mike Grainger for his enduring commitment to preserving the Civil War battlefields of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is honored to recognize those individuals who serve as curators of its history, those providers of landmark stewardship who, through their dedicated efforts, serve as a bridge between the generations of yesterday and the generations of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Mike Grainger of Franklin is one such individual who has, over the course of nine years, preserved America's hallowed battlegrounds as an honored member of the Board of Trustees for the Civil War Trust, in which capacity he served as chairman from 2013 to 2015 and chairman emeritus henceforth; and

WHEREAS, as chairman emeritus, Mr. Grainger remains actively engaged with the Trust, which has preserved more than 3,307 acres of land on which historic battles were waged in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mike Grainger's unyielding passion for Civil War history is further demonstrated by his service on the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, as well as the City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable interest in the history of these historic landmarks began in his childhood, during which time he began amassing a personal library of materials now numbering more than 10,000 volumes on Civil War history; and

WHEREAS, a 1973 graduate of the University of Montevallo, Mr. Grainger received a degree in accounting and went on to serve in various executive capacities for Ingram Micro, Inc., the world's largest technology distributor, including tenures as executive vice president,

chief financial officer, and most recently president and chief operating officer, positions from which he retired in 2004; and

WHEREAS, with an extensive professional history, Mike Grainger has also made use of his talents at Price Waterhouse, Coble Systems, and Ingram Industries, all of which are based in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, a Tennessean committed to strong family values and an enduring sense of community, Mr. Grainger enjoys the love and support of his wife, Donna, whom he met in his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama, where they attended John Carroll High School together. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Charlotte and Caitlin; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we recognize Mike Grainger for his untiring service to the people of Tennessee and his stalwart commitment to stewardship of this State's most treasured historic landmarks; 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 recognize and commend Mike Grainger for his dedication to sharing the lore of Tennessee through ongoing preservation of its Civil War battlefields, applaud his standing as a Tennessean of the highest caliber, and extend our best wishes for his continued success and happiness in all his endeavors.

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