

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 565

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Hardin County Forestry Association upon being named County Forestry Association 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 renewable natural resources of Tennessee in a manner that provides economic enrichment while preserving valuable resources and biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, such dedicated conservationists comprise the membership of the Hardin County Forestry Association, which was recently named the County Forestry Association of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association; and

WHEREAS, enjoying a true renaissance, the Hardin County Forestry Association was revitalized on February 11, 2014, through the efforts of Billy Penick, who serves as secretary/treasurer, and the leadership of Mike Martin and Jay Wolfe, who serve as president and vice president; and

WHEREAS, understanding the unique opportunity to have a dialogue with a broad spectrum of people involved in the nurture of trees and their related ecosystems, the membership of the Hardin County Forestry Association has enjoyed outstanding attendance at its meetings where a range of topics has been discussed, including chain saw safety, native short-leaf pine trees, quail and pollinator fields, wild hogs, and native bats; and

WHEREAS, the forests of Hardin County have been vital to the growth and continuing prosperity of Hardin County; the members of the Hardin County Forestry Association have a great desire to protect and manage this great resource to provide jobs, recreation, and products for Hardin County and to serve as an example of good forest stewards; and

WHEREAS, successfully balancing their great concern for economic needs and environmental stewardship, the members of this association are the fitting recipients of the County Forestry Association of the Year award, and it is appropriate that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor this outstanding organization; 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 congratulate the members of the Hardin County Forestry Association upon being named the County Forestry Association of the Year, thank them for their dedicated and thorough understanding of our State's precious renewable resources, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in making a positive impact on the forestland and wildlife habitat of Hardin County and across Tennessee for years to come.

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