

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 874

By Reedy

A RESOLUTION to honor Justin Hargrove on winning the American Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers national Excellence in Agriculture contest.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those farmers who are wholly devoted to preserving this State's proud traditions in agriculture while working to improve and enrich their local communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Justin Hargrove of Benton County, who recently bested twenty-six other contestants to win the American Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers national Excellence in Agriculture contest at the 105<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the organization in Salt Lake City, Utah; and

WHEREAS, as a national winner, Mr. Hargrove will receive \$35,000 in credit toward a new Ford vehicle, as well as paid registration to the American Farm Bureau's FUSION Conference in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Excellence in Agriculture award recognizes young farmers who do not derive the majority of their income from an agricultural operation, but who actively contribute and grow through their involvement in agriculture, their leadership ability, and their participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, an Extension agent in Benton County, Mr. Hargrove is a third-generation farmer in Camden, where he raises beef cattle alongside his father on Hargrove Farms; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, Alli, are proud to be raising the fourth generation of farmers in the family, namely their son, Inman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hargrove has been involved in Young Farmers and Ranchers since the age of eighteen, when he became eligible to join the organization, and he has served the program at both the local and state level in various capacities ever since; and

WHEREAS, Justin Hargrove is proudly continuing and advancing Tennessee's agricultural heritage while working to improve conditions and production for the farmers of Benton County as an Extension agent, and it is most fitting that he be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Justin Hargrove on winning the American Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers national Excellence in Agriculture contest, extending our gratitude for his ongoing commitment to farming in his community and in his family and our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.