

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1009

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Jared S. Hart upon winning the 2014 Tennessee Junior Market Hog Show Grand Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to honor those students whose proficiency in science, especially agriculture-related fields of endeavor, has garnered them statewide accolades; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable young Tennessean, who is a resident of Bledsoe County, is sixteen-year-old Jared S. Hart; he garnered the pinnacle award of Champion Market Hog for 2014 with his most outstanding swine specimen known by the numerical moniker 321; and

WHEREAS, this year's premier pig show took place in Murfreesboro on January 21–23, when more than 230 4-H and FFA members exhibited over 440 hogs in the multi-faceted competition under the keen and critical eye of nationally esteemed and renowned judge, Mr. Warren Beeler; and

WHEREAS, participants competed with their individual market hogs in groups segregated by animals' weight and handlers' grade levels. The competition is a showcase for the skill and control that handlers have over their swine, the physical soundness of the swine, and overall scoring which reflects the market quality of the animal and the expertise of Tennessee's junior farmers involved in its care; and

WHEREAS, Jared's partner, 321, was quite a thrifty purchase of only \$250 when he was young and tipped the scales at an approximate weight of only fifty-five pounds, but on show day, 321's competitive run past all contenders began in the 280 to 300 pound class; ultimately, Jared and 321 bested all competitors and claimed the title of Grand Champion for the entire

proceedings, in addition to the Reserve Champion title the two earned in the Senior Level I Showmanship competition; and

WHEREAS, Jared Hart is one of Tennessee's most exemplary budding agrarians; he simply loves the land, the crops that grow thereon, and the animals that feed and are raised thereon. He lives with his parents, John and Kim Hart, and his younger siblings, Lincoln and Audra, on a tract of beloved land called Bending River Farm that they know they are blessed to call home; and

WHEREAS, in a brief autobiographical piece he penned, Jared speaks of the beauty of various tracts in Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee where he has lived, and he extols the fellowship that has enveloped his family as they interacted with their land. Raising calves, breeding pigs, staying close to the land, and living in the light of Jesus Christ has made this family strong and proud; and

WHEREAS, Jared Hart is homeschooled by his parents; at Bible Camp in 2008, he experienced what he calls the most important time in his life, when he was baptized and started his life's journey in faith; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as young Jared Hart and his family, and it is wholly fitting for this legislative body to recognize Jared's success in raising and showing champion livestock; 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 Jared S. Hart upon winning the Grand Championship title at the 2014 Tennessee Junior Market Hog Show, thank him and his family for their familial ties to and deep love of agriculture, and extend our best wishes to Jared and his family for continued and even greater success in all their future farming endeavors.

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