

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1168

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Dandridge Lions Club on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary organizations and their remarkable members who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable organization is the Dandridge Lions Club, which recently marked its seventy-fifth anniversary of offering service and support to the good people of its community; and

WHEREAS, for seventy-five years, the members of the Dandridge Lions Club have held true to the organization's primary mission, which is sight conservation. The members of the Dandridge Lions Club have helped community members obtain needed eye exams and eyeglasses, purchased the county's first eye-testing machine, sponsored eye testing for school children, provided support service for the blind, funded the distribution of food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and collected eyeglasses that they have donated to poverty-stricken individuals throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, members of the Dandridge Lions Club have also contributed their time and energies to a number of community improvements, including clearing and leveling the Maury Middle School ball field, hosting a charity golf tournament that raises funds for numerous endeavors that serve the community, and supporting young Lions in Leo Clubs at Jefferson County High School and Maury Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the Dandridge Lions Club was founded in 1939 by twenty-four enterprising and dedicated individuals, the charter membership, who gathered at the historic Shepard's Inn

to establish the sterling organization. The current members of the Dandridge Lions Club gathered in the Shepard's Inn to celebrate the club's seventy-fifth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Dandridge Lions Club, which currently stands as the second-largest Lions Club in the East Tennessee District, is ably led by club president and King Lion Travis Hurdle, whose astute leadership abilities and unwavering dedication to the pursuit of excellence have served the club well throughout his term of service; and

WHEREAS, for more than seven decades, the Dandridge Lions Club has served the good people of Dandridge, Jefferson County, and Tennessee with acumen and alacrity, and it is wholly fitting that this body recognize this momentous occasion being celebrated by this august organization; 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 congratulate the members of the Dandridge Lions Club on the occasion of that club's seventy-fifth anniversary, applauding the many important contributions they have made to improving the lives of others over the past seventy-five years.

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