

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1329

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to commemorate and celebrate the Southern Heritage Classic on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pride in specially recognizing those exemplary events that bring great honor and acclaim to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such notable event is the Southern Heritage Classic, which will celebrate its thirty-fifth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, held annually in Memphis at the Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium on the second Saturday in September, the Southern Heritage Classic provides a national spotlight for HBCU schools to showcase their best; a total of fifty-four players have played in the Classic and gone on to play in the National Football League; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Heritage Classic is no ordinary football game; the Classic brings tens of thousands of fans to the Memphis area, with an estimated economic benefit of nearly \$30 million annually, in addition to being broadcast to a national audience on the HBCU GO network; and

WHEREAS, the greatness of the Classic, and the reason for its success, rests on how it connects kindred spirits—young and old—in celebration of the beauty of cultural diversity and the richness of Memphis heritage, and the organizers, sponsors, and participants of this outstanding event should be specially recognized for their valuable contributions to the citizens of this State; 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 commend and celebrate the Southern Heritage Classic on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary, thanking all of those involved for their hard work and determination in ensuring the Southern Heritage Classic's great success over the years.

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.