

HOUSE RESOLUTION 356

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce and community upon the selection of the Unicoi County Apple Festival as one of Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Events for the month of October 2010.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to recognize those exemplary events that bring great honor and acclaim to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Unicoi County Apple Festival is one such estimable event, to be held October 1-2, 2010, and hosted by the Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce and community; and

WHEREAS, the Apple Festival has recently been selected as one of the Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Events for the month of October 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Tourism Society is dedicated to the promotion of travel to and within the Southeastern States and recognizes the importance of festivals, events, and attractions through its Top 20 Events publication, which receives extensive exposure in print media, web, television, and radio in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Unicoi County Apple Festival is clearly deserving of this honor as the premier two-day event in downtown Erwin; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the festival included more than 350 vendor spaces, four entertainment stages, one of the largest children's areas in the festival's history, the NFS Road Race, the UT Extension Service Cooking Contest, the Valley Beautiful Beacon Picture Perfect Photo Contest, and the Farm Bureau Tennis Tournament, and drew a record-breaking crowd of more than 100,000 attendees; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Apple Festival will feature more arts and crafts, gospel singing, diverse entertainment acts, a variety of cuisines, a children's area, the Apple Festival Talent and Beauty Pageant, the Road Race, the Apple Cooking Contest, the third annual Apple Festival Photography Contest, the Blue Ridge Pottery Club Show and Sale, and the Cornhole Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being consistently named one of the Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Events in the Southeast, the Apple Festival is also a three-time winner of the Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association's Pinnacle Award; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly applaud the Unicoi County Apple Festival and express our every hope for a successful and enjoyable event this year; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and celebrate the 2010 Unicoi County Apple Festival and congratulate the Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce and community upon the selection of the Unicoi County Apple Festival as one of the Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Events for the month of October 2010.

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