

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 875

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the bluegrass gospel band Chosen Road.

WHEREAS, it is our privilege to recognize those musical groups whose artistic endeavors bring joy to and enhance the well-being of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such entity is Chosen Road, a bluegrass gospel band with a unique and captivating sound that blends world-class Appalachian instrumentation and gospel music; and

WHEREAS, since the band's formation in 2009, founding members Jonathan Buckner, Zachary Alvis, Tyler Robertson, and Josh Hicks have been perfecting their craft, releasing six albums and performing at festivals, fairs, churches, and theaters across the United States and overseas; and

WHEREAS, over the last fifteen years, Chosen Road has garnered widespread acclaim, reaching No. 4 on *Billboard's* Bluegrass Albums chart with the 2020 release, *Appalachian Worship*, which remained in the Top 10 for an impressive thirty weeks; the group's 2021 album, *Appalachian Hymns*, spent eight weeks in the Top 10 of the same chart; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Chosen Road landed atop *Billboard's* Bluegrass Albums chart with its first holiday album, *Appalachian Christmas*, which debuted at No. 1; a No. 2 debut on the chart came the following year with 2023's *It Never Gets Old*, which has received much critical acclaim and saw the lead single, "I Want To Be Just Like You," reach No. 1 on *Bluegrass Today's* radio airplay chart; and

WHEREAS, all told, Chosen Road has produced eight top-ten bluegrass radio singles, including the No. 1 hit "When I Get Home"; in addition to the group's outstanding chart success, Chosen Road has gained notoriety performing alongside bluegrass greats Doyle Lawson &

Quicksilver, Dailey & Vincent, and the Isaacs, as well as contemporary Christian music artists Phil Wickham, Zach Williams, and Crowder; and

WHEREAS, with deep roots in the Baptist tradition, Chosen Road has an ongoing partnership with the North American Mission Board's Church Replant and Revitalization Team, through which they help raise awareness about the number of churches that close each year; the group also recently wrote and recorded the theme song for *The Rural Pastor Podcast*; and

WHEREAS, Chosen Road's music is not only inspiring and uplifting but also a testament to the group's unparalleled talent and dedication; the band members' exceptional ability to combine traditional Appalachian sounds with their passion for spreading the Gospel has earned them a well-deserved place among the top bluegrass artists in the industry; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize the continuing legacy of this phenomenal group on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend the members of Chosen Road on their many important contributions to bluegrass gospel music, extending our best wishes for the group's 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.