

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 916

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jacob Massey, 2023 World Livestock Auctioneer Champion.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those dedicated citizens who have excelled in their field, bringing great pride to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Jacob Massey, who won the 2023 World Livestock Auctioneer Championship (WLAC), the culmination of years of devoted excellence to the art and business of auctioneering and the first time in fifty-nine years that a Tennessean has brought home the WLAC champion belt buckle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Massey earned his spot in the national competition by finishing in the top ten at the qualifying event held at Windsor Livestock Auction Co., Inc., in Windsor, Missouri, where he has competed previously and was named a WLAC qualifier for ten years; and

WHEREAS, in the 2023 competition, he went up against thirty other experienced auctioneers; as the ultimate victor, he will tour the country promoting the Livestock Marketing Association and sharing his auctioneering talent with others; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Petersburg, Mr. Massey has been auctioning since he was only seven years old, following in the footsteps of his father, a longtime, hall-of-fame auctioneer; and

WHEREAS, beginning at the age of nineteen, Jacob Massey led his own auction; he continues to sell three regular cattle auctions each week and multiple purebred cattle auctions each year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Massey graduated from the North Georgia School of Auctioneering in 2007 and is a 2009 Tennessee State Champion and a Mule Day Auctioneer Champion; he is

also a regular voice during the Mid-South Regional Livestock Center, LLC, in Unionville and two United Producers, Inc., locations in Columbia and Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many successes, he has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Fallon, and four children; the family resides on their cattle farm in Marshall County; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize this extraordinary Tennessean on his auspicious 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 honor and congratulate Jacob Massey upon his victory at the 2023 World Livestock Auctioneer Championship, extending our best wishes for his every 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.