

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1115

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor Mark McKee III of Sumner County on his service as president of the Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we should honor and congratulate those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts and noble desire to serve their communities, have become leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Mark McKee III of Sumner County, who has rendered twelve years of sterling service as president of the Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association; and

WHEREAS, established in 1970, the Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association has worked to preserve the Wynnewood State Historic Site and other historic locations within the Bledsoe's Lick area, including Wynnewood, the original mineral springs and lick; the Thomas Sharpe Spencer monument; and portions of the Castalian Springs Mound Site, a Native American town dating to A.D.1250; and

WHEREAS, a native son of Tennessee with deep family roots in Sumner County, Mark McKee was born on January 18, 1953, to Mark Jr. and Twyla McKee; he is a graduate of Gallatin High School and Lipscomb University and served as state president of the Future Farmers of America in 1971-72; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKee continues to farm the land purchased by his great-grandfather in 1906 in Castalian Springs, which is registered as a Century Farm, and resides in his grandfather's house on the farm; and

WHEREAS, director of Sumner County Farmers Coop since 2009, Mark McKee is also an active member of the Sumner County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, having served on the nominating, commodities, and legislative committees; and

WHEREAS, like his father and grandfather before him, Mark McKee is an elder/shepherd of Old Union Church of Christ, having also served as treasurer, deacon, Sunday school teacher, and occasional preacher; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Mr. McKee enjoys the love and support of his wife of forty years, Missy Carothers McKee, their three children, Cody, Cade, and Luke, and five grandchildren, Chandler, Timothy, Caden, Amelia, and Davy; and

WHEREAS, leaders such as Mr. McKee are a credit to the State of Tennessee and this nation, and it is fitting that we should honor him for his service to his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Mark McKee III on his exemplary tenure as president of the Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association and extend to him our best wishes for every future 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.