

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9018

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and celebrate the eightieth anniversary of the Doty Family Reunion.

WHEREAS, family is the basic building block that shapes our society, and the lives of family members, filled with work and play, love and laughter, illness and health, grief and disappointment, and success and achievement, shape the course of our communities; and

WHEREAS, family reunions are joyous occasions during which tradition is honored, heritage is celebrated, and kinship is valued; family reunions are also a time for loved ones to revive the spirit of unity and seek inspiration from one another; and

WHEREAS, this year, the members of the Doty family came together once again to enjoy fellowship, fun, and worship, while also learning more about their family roots, at their eightieth annual Doty Family Reunion, which has been celebrated as "Doty Day" since 1942; and

WHEREAS, true Tennessee pioneers and one of the oldest families in Greene County, the Dotys have resided there since before Greene County was formed in April 1783; and

WHEREAS, the Dotys' roots can be traced back to Edward Doty, who arrived in the new world as an indentured servant aboard the Mayflower on November 11, 1620, and later signed the famous Mayflower Compact; and

WHEREAS, family patriarch Azariah Doty, a Revolutionary War soldier, acquired the farm in Greene County, which is still in the family, on August 6, 1782, and lived there with his family in a log cabin; today, the Doty Farm is a Heritage Farm and a Tennessee Century Farm, having been owned and operated by the family for nearly 240 years; and

WHEREAS, this year, to specially commemorate the eightieth anniversary, the Kings Mountain and Watauga Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution placed a "Patriot"

marker at the grave of Azariah Doty and held a dedication service in conjunction with the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, descendants of a proud heritage instilled by their ancestors, the members of the Doty family have a rich and illustrious history that is sewn from the strong fibers of hard work, sacrifice, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, we are pleased to recognize these strong and vital family members that gathered to remember their triumphs and accomplishments, recall various historical events in their family, and exchange news of current events; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the members of the Doty family upon the celebration of their eightieth annual "Doty Day" family reunion and wish them all the best as they preserve the memory of their beloved ancestors, renew family connections, and revisit their wonderful shared family history.

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.