



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 628

By Representatives Matlock, Forgety, Hurley

and

Senators Crowe, McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bradley M. Black upon being selected the 2010 Tennessee Farmer of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as agricultural leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Bradley "Brad" M. Black of Vonore, who was named the 2010 Tennessee Farmer of the Year at the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo; and

WHEREAS, Brad Black has been farming for thirty-one years, with a total of 986 acres of land in operation; and

WHEREAS, a pioneer in the bio-fuels industry, Mr. Black astutely focuses his farm on growing native warm season perennial switch grass, a crop which will hopefully be used to create ethanol; and

WHEREAS, his other major crops include: soybeans, grass and clover hay, wheat, wheat bale silage, and canola, and he also owns 150 acres of timber and expertly maintains a commercial beef herd of about fifty cows and heifers, selling the calves as feeders at local auction markets; and

WHEREAS, because he farms steep hillsides, conservation has always been a top priority for this agricultural leader; he utilizes no-till planting and recently fenced out stream zones and confined his cattle to only designated stream crossings; and

WHEREAS, a highly influential figure in his field, Mr. Black is a valued member of the Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Associations, and American Angus Association and has earned Master Beef Producer and Beef Quality Assurance certifications; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black is an active and devout member of the Vonore United Methodist Church, where he has faithfully served his Lord for many years; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Brad Black is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Kim, and their three children: Amy, Adam, and Thomas; and

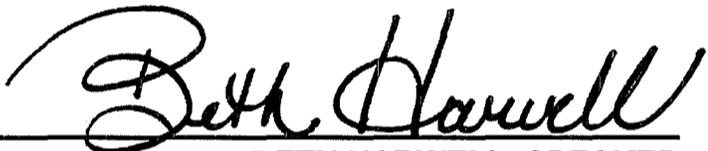
WHEREAS, Brad Black exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean and this body finds it appropriate to honor and commend such an outstanding and remarkable individual; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Bradley M. Black of Vonore upon his selection as the 2010 Tennessee Farmer of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in all his future endeavors.

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

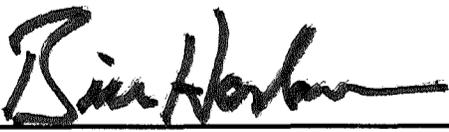
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ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 9, 2012


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 9th day of February 2012


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR