



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 81

By Senators Finney, Herron

and

Representative Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ernest Pounds of Bradford, writer of *The Early History of Gibson County, Tennessee and Its Communities*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those exemplary citizens who contribute significantly to Tennessee's diverse and dynamic culture; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Pounds of Bradford is one such estimable individual who has worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pounds, a former teacher and local historian, has written a new book, *The Early History of Gibson County, Tennessee and Its Communities*; and

WHEREAS, the 336-page hardbound book, which is Mr. Pounds's fifth book on local history, covers the history of the Gibson County region before it was a county, focusing primarily on its history prior to 1850; and

WHEREAS, the book includes a fifteen-page chapter on the land swap between Gibson and Weakley counties in 1837, information on the early histories of Gibson County's ten incorporated towns and over sixty unincorporated communities, and a copy of the last letter that David Crockett ever sent, which was written in January of 1836 and sent to his daughter, Margaret, who lived in the China Grove community in Gibson County; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Pounds is a lifelong resident of the Bradford-Skullbone area; he served as a teacher for nearly forty years and, for twelve years, stood as a member of the Gibson County Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pounds's previous four books also delved into local history. Those books are titled: *A History of North Gibson*, *A Pictorial History of Kimball (Later To Be Called 'Bradford, Tennessee')*, *Tennessee's Last Kingdom*, *A History of the Kingdom of Skullbonia*, and *Bradford, Tennessee: Doodle Soup Capital of the World*; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Mr. Pounds received a Certificate of Merit from the Tennessee Historical Commission for *A History of North Gibson*, and, in 2004, the Historical Commission presented Mr. Pounds with the Sequoia Award for Literacy as one of two outstanding adult education teachers in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished author's new book will be available for purchase in March of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Pounds epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Pounds for his accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Ernest Pounds for his unwavering dedication to his community and the State of Tennessee and its citizens, applaud his publishing of *The Early History of Gibson County, Tennessee and Its Communities*, and extend to him our best wishes for every 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 28, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4th day of March 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR