



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 574

By Senator Beavers

and

Representative Weaver

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the staff and volunteers of the Smith County Fair upon being named 2011 State Champion Fair for Division A by the Tennessee Association of Fairs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those events that promote local business, entertain and educate our citizens, and celebrate the history and culture of the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Smith County Fair is one such event that recently received the prestigious honor of being named the Ninetieth Annual State Champion Fair for Division A from the Tennessee Association of Fairs; and

WHEREAS, Smith County officials accepted their award presented by Tennessee Department of Agriculture Commissioner Julius Johnson, and Fair Administrator Lynne Williams, at the 2012 Tennessee Association of Fairs Convention in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, this honor comes as a great victory to Smith County, who, with the help of over 100 community and volunteer workers, resurrected their county fair in 2008, after a nearly twenty-year hiatus, and were rightfully reinstated to the association in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 theme, "The Fair on the River," offered new river events to fair-goers, including a ten-mile kayak race and a four-mile "Paddle Inn," a family-fun leisure float on the Caney Fork River; and

WHEREAS, another lively addition to the fair was the youth horse show for all children who followed the guidelines of the Tennessee 4-H Horse Championship Handbook; and

WHEREAS, also new to the Smith County Fair was the "Pick Tennessee Product" exhibit that featured goods by local farmers, including homemade strawberry ice cream and a live beehive demonstration; and

WHEREAS, other learning opportunities, presented by the Family and Community Education Club, included living history demonstrations, in which female club members dressed in pioneer clothing and performed various craft activities, such as cross-stitching, knitting, crocheting, quilting, and rug-making, and a livestock exhibit where local extension agents taught different sheep-shearing methods for the youth sheep show; and

WHEREAS, the Smith County Fair opened the final night with a Flag Retirement Ceremony, presented with the help of the Boy Scouts; and the first 100 veterans were given free admission, while other veterans received discounted admission; and

WHEREAS, fair officials made many efforts to promote attendance, including a designated "Seniors Day" with special programs and events to honor senior citizens of the community, discount armbands for carnival rides one evening, and a cash giveaway presented to one lucky winner every night; and

WHEREAS, the Smith County Fair was a great success thanks to the many individuals and organizations that contributed to setup and operations, including the local 4-H and Future Farmers of America chapters, Interact, Campus Life, the Youth Fair Board, and many local businesses that provided volunteers for sponsored "work nights"; and

WHEREAS, profits from the fair contribute every year to the improvement of the Smith County Ag Center, which offers facilities for meetings and programs year-round that greatly benefit the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Smith County Fair and its well-earned recognition bring great pride to the people of Smith County, who every year unite with tireless dedication to celebrate and promote local business, agriculture, and history with this time-honored event; 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 the staff and volunteers of the Smith County Fair for their tremendous service to the people of Smith County, congratulate them upon the fair's most-deserved recognition as the recipient of the 2011 Division A State Champion Fair Award, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

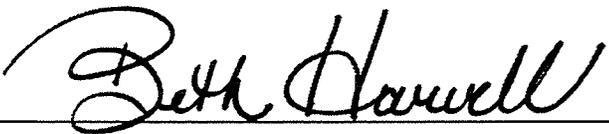
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: February 13, 2012



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 16th day of February 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR