

State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 582

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the staff and volunteers of the Clay County Fair upon being named 2011 Most Improved 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 Clay County Fair is one such event that recently received the prestigious honor of being named the ninetieth annual Most Improved Fair for Division A by the Tennessee Association of Fairs; and

WHEREAS, this honorable designation recognized Clay County officials, staff, and volunteers for their efforts to increase attendance and provide a fun and memorable experience for all fairgoers; and

WHEREAS, many additions contributed to their success, including the Fairest of the Fair contest, a corn hole tournament, a wrestling event, and a dinner for Century Farm owners; and

WHEREAS, fairgoers were treated to educational programs as well, including a 4-H exhibit on green energy, presented by local 4-H members, live sheep shearing and grooming demonstrations by sheep exhibitors, and presentations by Hermitage Springs School third-graders on the planets and 4-H project members on their various activities and successes; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Fair greatly benefitted from improvements to the Women's Building, including a 5,600-square-foot addition, consisting of an auditorium, dressing rooms, storage, sound system, and stage curtain, provided through the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and local source funds; a new heat and air system in the existing portion of the Women's Building; and the provision of thirty-six tables and 200 chairs by Tri-County Electric, Dale Hollow One Stop, Clay County Cattlemen and Dutch Craft; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Lions Club and Tractor Association generously funded a 580-square-foot, two-story tractor pull announcing stand and concession area, while the main concession area received a newly installed air system; and

WHEREAS, other improvements to the facilities included an expansion of the photography department with new display racks made by the local vocational school; a marble yard funded by the Clay County Marble Association; and the maintenance of the horse ring, lighting, restrooms, recreation areas, and ball fields, all funded by the Clay County Fair Board; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Clay County Fair and its well-earned recognition bring great pride to the people of Clay 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 Clay County Fair for their tremendous service to the people of Clay County, congratulate them upon the fair's most deserved recognition as the recipient of the 2011 Division A Most Improved Fair Award, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

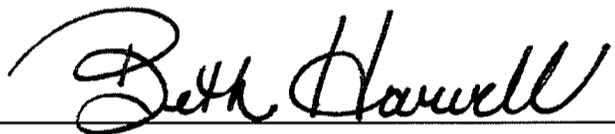
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: February 23, 2012



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of February 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR