

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

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A RESOLUTION to honor Tom "Doc" Weddle on completing five U.S. Super Slams in the sport of wild turkey hunting.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a skilled outdoorsman who has attained the very pinnacle of his chosen sport; and

WHEREAS, Tom "Doc" Weddle of Bloomington, Indiana, has dedicated most of his free time over the past forty years to perfecting the art and science of wild turkey hunting; and

WHEREAS, after harvesting his first turkey in 1983, Mr. Weddle immediately fell in love with the sport and has since become an expert hunter of the wily and elusive birds; and

WHEREAS, each spring, he takes off three months from his work as a carpenter to pursue his passion and a rare hunting feat known as the U.S. Super Slam; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weddle has completed an incredible number of U.S. Super Slams, five times harvesting a turkey in each of the forty-nine states that have a wild turkey hunting season; and

WHEREAS, he has also recorded numerous Grand Slams by bagging all four subspecies of turkey and several Double Grand Slams by taking two birds of each type; and

WHEREAS, a gifted caller, Mr. Weddle relishes both the challenge of the hunt and the thrill of interacting with the wild turkey; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his bow and shotgun, Doc Weddle has adopted the pen as a valuable tool; he has written four volumes of *Turkey Tails and Tales from Across the U.S.A.*, in which he intersperses valuable advice on turkey hunting with stories about the many exciting adventures that have made him the hunter and conservationist he is today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weddle has distinguished himself as a hunter of the greatest ability, commitment, and patience and a paragon of the wild turkey hunting community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Tom "Doc" Weddle on completing five U.S. Super Slams in the sport of wild turkey hunting and extend to him our best wishes for happy hunting in the years to come.

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.