

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

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A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to the right to the preservation of natural resources.

WHEREAS, current and future generations have the right to enjoy the continued health of the environment and natural resources of this State; and

WHEREAS, protecting the quality and health of Tennessee's environment is critical to the long-term prosperity of its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article I of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as a new section:

The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the environment. Tennessee's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the State shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Fourteenth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee by posting such amendment on the official website of the Secretary of State and on the official website of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State.