

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1049

By Marsh

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Justified Honors, the 83rd Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration World Grand Champion.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in Shelbyville is the premier event for the Tennessee Walking Horse, showcasing these magnificent horses and crowning the breed's World Grand Champion; and

WHEREAS, just the fourth four-year-old horse to claim the ultimate prize, Justified Honors was named World Grand Champion at the 83rd Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in 2021; and

WHEREAS, a unanimous selection by the five-judge panel, Justified Honors was trained and ridden to victory by John Allan Callaway, who claimed back-to-back world grand championships, having ridden and trained the 2020 winner, Master's Razzle And Jazz; and

WHEREAS, owned by Lisa and Jim Baum of Shelbyville, Justified Honors made his showring debut as a three-year-old at the Columbia Spring Jubilee during the first week of June of 2020. Competing against eighteen other horses in a pouring rainstorm, Justified Honors not only won the Three-Year-Old Stallions class but also earned the first-place votes of all three judges; and

WHEREAS, Justified Honors next won the Three-Year-Old Stallions class at the Celebration Fun Show, capturing the blue ribbon in a class of thirteen with another performance that garnered a unanimous decision from the three judges; and

WHEREAS, at the 2020 National Celebration, Justified Honors won Section C of the Three-Year-Old Stallions class and finished as reserve champion in the Three-Year-Old World

Grand Championship before closing out the year with a third unanimous win at the National Trainers' Show in October; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Justified Honors garnered a unanimous win in the Four-Year-Old Stallions (Canter) class at the Spring Fun Show and took first again in the Four-Year-Old Stallions (Canter) class at the Woodbury Lions Club show; and

WHEREAS, after the horse won the Four-Year-Old Stallions (Canter) class at The Celebration in 2021, the decision was made to enter Justified Honors in both the Four-Year-Old World Grand Championship, as well as the World Grand Championship; and

WHEREAS, passionate about horses, Jim Baum developed a love of Tennessee Walking Horses at an early age, and Lisa Baum has a background in dressage and hunter jumpers; she also showed Arabian horses, which gave her the opportunity to meet Jim; and

WHEREAS, a veterinarian, Jim Baum operates Baum Equine Clinic in Shelbyville, where he watched Justified Honors train while he was at the stables performing veterinary duties; when the Baums were advised by trainer John Allan Callaway that they should purchase the horse, they never questioned him; and

WHEREAS, since relocating from Wisconsin to Tennessee in 1997, the Baums have won countless world grand championships at The Celebration in other divisions, including two at the 2021 show—the Owner-Amateur Ponies class with Lisa riding Strike and the Lite-Shod class with Patrick Thomas on board Big Time Bandit; and

WHEREAS, the Baums credit John Allan, Bill, and Allan Callaway, as well as Jesse Barnes, for their success with Justified Honors; "I am just thrilled with Justified Honors," Lisa said. "Jim and I love to ride so we always said we are not going to let a trainer show a horse if we have a good one. Because of that we never really thought we would have a World Grand Champion. But, we let John go with him and it was the best thing ever. We are thrilled."; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Justified Honors, the 83rd Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration World Grand Champion, his owners, Lisa and Jim Baum, and rider/trainer John Allan Callaway, commend them for their meritorious service to the Walking Horse industry and the State of Tennessee, 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.