

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1332

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to recognize Spring Hollow Family Farm in Sevier County as a Tennessee Century Farm.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly salute that most noble agricultural institution, the family farm, which serves as a cornerstone for our rural communities while providing food and fiber for Tennessee and beyond; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy farm is the Spring Hollow Family Farm in Sevier County, which is owned and operated by members of the Carr family; and

WHEREAS, the Century Farm Program was established to recognize the dedication and contributions of those families who have retained ownership of the same farm for more than a century, persevering through succeeding generations and coping with wars, floods, droughts, economic crises, and other obstacles presented by way of natural and human intervention; and

WHEREAS, James Russell Carr has lived on the Spring Hollow Family Farm for more than fifty-five of his fifty-nine years on this earth; he and his wife, Betty Sue Carr, will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary on May 25, 2024, and they have lived on the farm for their entire marriage; and

WHEREAS, James Russell and Betty Sue Carr have been blessed with three sons, Joshua Carr, Adam Carr, and Jonathon Carr, all of whom grew up on Spring Hollow Family Farm; and

WHEREAS, Adam Carr and his wife, Rebekah Carr, also live on Spring Hollow Family Farm with their son, Clay Carr, who represents the seventh generation of the family to live on the farm; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Carr and his wife, Karrie Carr, have two sons, Lane Carr and Maddux Carr, who are seventh-generation members of the family to participate in the life of the farm; and

WHEREAS, Jonathon Carr and his wife, Rebecca, are also active participants in the life of Spring Hollow Family Farm; and

WHEREAS, three living generations of the Carr family take great pride in Spring Hollow Family Farm and its agricultural legacy, just as they appreciate the four generations who came before them; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Carr family for their dedication to agriculture, recognizing the importance of the family farm to our rural communities and the State of Tennessee; 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 we recognize Spring Hollow Family Farm as a Tennessee Century Farm, honor its owners, James Russell and Betty Sue Carr, for their contributions to agriculture and Tennessee's history and heritage, and extend to the entire Carr family 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.