

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 131

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Sam Trott for his professional achievements in the logging industry.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Sam Trott, third generation logger and businessman, who has dedicated himself to providing his clients and other mills with high quality logs and exceptional customer service for the last thirty years; and

WHEREAS, beginning at a young age, Mr. Trott learned the rugged art of logging alongside his father and brothers in the fragrant cedar woods of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his father later established the Trott Lumber Company in 1974 and enjoyed much success with his sons until selling the company in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Sam Trott's passion for the industry never waned, however, and he re-established the family business with his wife, Jennifer, in 1983; and

WHEREAS, while Mrs. Trott manages the sawmill, Mr. Trott and their son, Jeremy, have focused on the upgrade and expansion of the logging operation; and

WHEREAS, with the use of advanced equipment, Mr. Trott has been able to prioritize better forest management, especially in minimizing initial ground and bank disturbance, eliminating collateral damage to younger timber, preventing erosion with the use of water bars, and artificial re-planting when a new generation of trees is needed; and

WHEREAS, he also emphasizes the safety of his employees, ensuring that every logger is fitted with the necessary safety gear and providing extensive on-the-job training, regular safety meetings, and worker's compensation; and

WHEREAS, Sam Trott employs a five-man crew with 120 years of combined experience, which includes his employee of twenty-five years, Kenneth Mallard, who along with Mr. Trott is a certified Tennessee Master Logger; and

WHEREAS, this impressive team of loggers hauls out more than 7,500 feet of logs per day and utilizes as much of the trees as possible by trimming the tops into pulpwood for weekly delivery to pulpwood buyers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his extraordinary career as a logger, Sam Trott has been an active member of his community, serving as member of the Bedford County Board of Education for six years, two years of which he served as chairman of the Transportation and Building Committee, and company member of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, he is also a devout member of Shiloh United Methodist Church, where he has served as the substitute Sunday School Superintendent, member of the parrish staff and scholarship committees, and a volunteer with the community breakfast every month; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Mr. Trott takes his place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Sam Trott, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Sam Trott's many accomplishments and contributions as an expert logger and businessman, thank him for his tireless commitment to improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens, and extend to him 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.