

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 263

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Safari Club International on its historic protection of hunting and its commitment to wildlife conservation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those exemplary organizations that promote and protect the time-honored tradition of hunting; and

WHEREAS, one such commendable organization is Safari Club International (SCI), which recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary of protecting the freedom to hunt and to promoting wildlife conservation worldwide; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1970, Safari Club International has grown to be the leader in educating and influencing elected officials and policy decision makers on the essential role of hunting in science-based management of wildlife and habitat; and

WHEREAS, SCI exists with a mission of being "First For Hunters"; and

WHEREAS, the active grassroots network of SCI, together with SCI's advocacy team, works with legislators and policy makers to develop, promote, and communicate positions on important issues, laws, regulations, and initiatives that impact all hunters; and

WHEREAS, SCI, as a member driven organization with over 50,000 members in 200 chapters representing all fifty U.S. states and 106 other countries, is the voice for hunters at the international, federal, state, and local levels; and

WHEREAS, SCI's government affairs experts, legal counsel, and communications specialists work hand-in-hand with wildlife biologists from their sister organization, the Safari Club International Foundation (SCIF), to champion ethical, regulated, and science-based hunting regardless of species, location, or method of take; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, the SCIF has spent over \$80 million toward science-based, research-driven solutions to real problems facing wildlife conservation and sustainable use of wildlife resources with a primary focus on wildlife conservation, outdoor education, and humanitarian service programs; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in its history, SCI has chosen Nashville as the location of its annual convention, the Ultimate Sportsmen's Marketplace, where members from around the globe convene to celebrate and advance the future of hunting; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Safari Club International and its staff, chapters, and members for their unparalleled commitment to protecting the freedom to hunt and promoting wildlife conservation worldwide.

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.