

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 889

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the founders, sponsors, board members, volunteers, and participants of A Vintage Affair upon the celebration of its tenth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause to pay tribute to those esteemed philanthropic organizations and events that support the many noteworthy charitable causes throughout this State; and

WHEREAS, one such distinguished organization celebrating its tenth anniversary is A Vintage Affair who, for ten years now, has united caring individuals and wine enthusiasts from around the nation in an effort to raise funds for numerous local charities in Williamson County, benefitting women and children in need; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to helping neighbors in need, A Vintage Affair hosts various events throughout the year, including wine, spirit, and food tastings, auctions, a fashion show, and a popular night golf tournament, raising money for several nonprofit organizations whose services benefit the community at large; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2001, A Vintage Affair has contributed over three quarters of a million dollars to local non-profit organizations and charities; and

WHEREAS, adhering closely to the high standards and principals contained in its mission of goodwill, A Vintage Affair chooses several deserving organizations from the local community to receive the charitable donations it collects each year; past beneficiaries include such notable organizations as BRIDGES, the Hundred Club of Franklin, Williamson County Youth Incorporated, Williamson County Child Advocacy Center, and High Hopes Inclusive Preschool and Pediatric Therapy Clinic; and

WHEREAS, in this tenth anniversary year, A Vintage Affair has chosen several meritorious causes as the beneficiaries of the organization's altruism and benevolence, including Mercy Children's Clinic, My Friend's House Family and Children's Services, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Williamson County Medical Center, Williamson County Library Foundation, and A Vintage Affair Fellowship at O'More College of Design; and

WHEREAS, this esteemed organization's largest charitable occasion each year is A Vintage Affair Week, which is a week long event featuring gourmet foods and extraordinary wines, held each evening throughout the week at different local eateries and establishments, and culminating in the main event held on the last evening; and

WHEREAS, this year's tenth anniversary main event will feature wine tasting, fabulous food, and live and silent auctions highlighted by wines donated from some of the most exceptional and award-winning vineyards from around the country, including Arrington Vineyards, Robledo Family Winery, Honig Vineyard and Winery, and Meyer Family Cellars; and

WHEREAS, distinguishing themselves as public-spirited citizens of the highest order and as exceptional assets to their community, the founders, sponsors, board members, participants, and the many able and willing volunteers of A Vintage Affair, take great pride in the participation and involvement of the local community, as well as businesses and individuals from around the country, allowing the philanthropic enterprise to continue to grow and achieve success; and

WHEREAS, A Vintage Affair is committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and it should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the founders, sponsors, board members, volunteers, and participants of A Vintage Affair for their positive impact on the citizens of this State, join with them in celebration of the organization's tenth anniversary, and extend to them our sincerest wishes for every success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.