

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 984

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Forbus General Store of Pall Mall upon its designation as a Centennial Tennessee Company.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize and commend those Tennessee businesses that have a longstanding commitment to providing exceptional service to their customers and communities; and

WHEREAS, Forbus General Store of Pall Mall is one such estimable business, which was recently recognized as a Centennial Tennessee Company by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the Centennial Tennessee Company designation recognizes companies that have been in operation for 100 years or more in the Volunteer State, businesses that have persevered in overcoming many obstacles to succeed financially and remain as pillars of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Forbus General Store in Pall Mall has done business in the same location for 132 years, despite several changes in ownership over the years; and

WHEREAS, the Forbus General Store building was constructed in 1892 by W.M. Johnson and is now included in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, during its long and distinguished history, Forbus General Store has sold everything from hardware to ice cream and once included caskets among its merchandise; and

WHEREAS, today, locals and visitors alike can take a nostalgic trip backward in time as they explore this iconic establishment and even grab a bite to eat at the same time; and

WHEREAS, for more than 130 years, Forbus General Store has played an integral role in the lives of the good people of the Pall Mall community, and it is most appropriate that this historic business be recognized; 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 honor and recognize Forbus General Store of Pall Mall upon its designation as a Centennial Tennessee Company and commend its owners for their dedication to preserving the unique historic character of this beloved establishment.

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.