

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 161

By Bass

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the citizens of the Town of Cornersville upon the celebration of the town's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and observance of Settler's Day.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those estimable towns that are celebrating milestones in their history; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable town is Cornersville, the citizens of which will be celebrating the 200-year anniversary of the first settling of their area by observing Settler's Day on June 16, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the land area upon which the Town of Cornersville is now situated was part of a land grant of 5,000 acres from North Carolina to John Nelson, the result of a treaty between the Chickasaw Indians and the United States government in 1805; this treaty allowed once-restricted settlers from the Carolinas to move westward; and

WHEREAS, around the year 1807, settlers began to arrive in the area that is now the Town of Cornersville by way of the McCutcheon Trail; this area began near present-day Spring Hill and ended in what is now the Brick Church area of northern Giles County; from the McCutcheon Trail, it was necessary for settlers to cut their way through the thick stand of cane to the sites of the settlements; and

WHEREAS, also in 1807, John Haynes, the first settler in the Cornersville area that was originally named "Marathon," began clearing a tract of land; in 1808, William Henderson made a clearing in what would become the business district of Cornersville and built a house; and

WHEREAS, the upcoming Settler's Day will commemorate this area's rich history with fun for all ages, including a parade, business tents, crafts and food booths, music performers, a

historical interview movie, Civil War demonstrations, a Liar's Contest, an Outhouse Race, and much more; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body wishes to grasp this golden opportunity to honor and commend the past and present citizens of the great Town of Cornersville; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor the citizens of the Town of Cornersville, congratulate them upon the celebration of the town's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and observance of Settler's Day, and wish them every success in all 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.