



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 213

By Representative Faison

and

Senators Southerland, Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the annual Cocke County Ramp Festival, May 12–13, 2017.

WHEREAS, the mountain ramp, an edible root, is a traditional symbol of the unflagging strength and fortitude characteristic of the residents of the Tennessee mountains; and

WHEREAS, this legendary root, distinguished by its odoriferous qualities, is purported to supply unyielding powers that have furthered the chivalrous and intrepid deeds of those who have chosen the mountains for their home; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of East Tennessee, particularly the residents of Cocke County, have established an annual festival as a memorial to the late Bert Vincent, who was the moving force in originating "Ramp Festival Day"; and

WHEREAS, the annual event, held in the shadow of the Great Smoky Mountains, has been attended by a United States President, United States Senators and Representatives, numerous Governors of Tennessee and various states, state legislators, and a plethora of notable figures; and

WHEREAS, a true Tennessee treasure, the Cocke County Ramp Festival will once again be celebrated on May 12–13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, all true mountain enthusiasts, genuine ramp eaters, and bluegrass music lovers are invited to celebrate with the many East Tennesseans and others who gather at Newport at this, the only Ramp Festival in the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and celebrate the Cocke County Ramp Festival, to be held on May 12–13, 2017, and applaud this annual event that showcases the best of Tennessee.

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

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ADOPTED: March 30, 2017



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 4th day of April 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR