

# State of Tennessee

#### **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 965**

## By Representative Powers

#### and

### **Senator Yager**

A RESOLUTION to congratulate John and Margaret Faulkner upon their receipt of the Boy Scouts of America's Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, two such noteworthy persons are John and Margaret Faulkner, who were recently honored with the Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award by the Great Smoky Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA); and

WHEREAS, the Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award is presented to those who work in education and follow the BSA's mission "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law"; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Faulkner is a native of London, Kentucky, and John Faulkner was raised in Campbell County; the Faulkners began their educational careers in the early 1960s and retired in 2004 with a combined total of seventy-eight years of teaching experience; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Faulkner first taught in Ohio at the age of eighteen; from there, she enrolled at the University of the Cumberlands, where she met Mr. Faulkner, and together they taught in Michigan; Williamsburg, Kentucky; and Campbell County; and

WHEREAS, during their estimable careers, John Faulkner taught high school biology and coached track, with one of his track teams winning a Kentucky state championship, and Margaret Faulkner taught kindergarten, first, fourth, and fifth grades; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Faulkner also assisted in the creation of Christian Academy of Campbell County and served as the school's first principal; and

WHEREAS, the Faulkners are faithful members of First Baptist Church of LaFollette, where they have been active in Samaritan's Purse and Celebrate Recovery; and

WHEREAS, John and Margaret Faulkner epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud John and Margaret Faulkner for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate John and Margaret Faulkner upon their receipt of the Boy Scouts of America's Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award, thank them for their meritorious service to the students of Tennessee, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

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.

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| APPROVED this 13th day of March | 2024                           |
| BILL LEE, GOVERNOR              |                                |