

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 131

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to designate April 28, 2015, as “National Clean Comedy Day” in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, tourism and hospitality are significant economic drivers in our communities, and the number two economic driver in the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, whole communities throughout the United States have dedicated themselves to providing entertainment and wholesome productions for vacationers and those with leisure time, such as Pigeon Forge in the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, clean comedy as family entertainment is vital to the preservation of East Tennessee’s Christian values and therefore valued in this era of questionable content in various media channels; and

WHEREAS, Pigeon Forge’s entrepreneurs in the tourism business possess a selfless, creative, community-minded spirit; and

WHEREAS, meeting the entertainment expectations of shifting demographics is constantly challenging, as digital entertainment continues to replace “live shows” put on by hardworking performers; and

WHEREAS, clean comedy shows have become rare sources of creative innovation, inspiration, and relief to audiences who need a break from workday stress and worry; and

WHEREAS, the Fee/Hedrick Family Entertainment Group LLC is one of the first large entrepreneurial clean comedy Pigeon Forge–based entertainment companies, launching twenty years ago on April 28, 1995; and

WHEREAS, over the last twenty years, the Fee/Hedrick Family Entertainment Group has subsequently launched and produced numerous different shows in various family themes and

genres, beginning with the Comedy Barn, and all are fit for family members ranging in age from two to ninety; and

WHEREAS, the constant provision of jobs, services, and benefits afforded to Sevier County has contributed to the economic foundation of the community and betterment of a year-round stable workforce in the face of the previous local seasonal-employment model; and

WHEREAS, the Fee/Hedrick Family Entertainment Group has therefore played a distinct, critical role in addressing the employment needs of Sevier County while serving as a regional tourist destination; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate April 28, 2015, as "National Clean Comedy Day" in Tennessee, commensurate with the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Fee/Hedrick Family Entertainment Group in Pigeon Forge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the good people of Tennessee to observe National Clean Comedy Day and the Fee/Hedrick Family Entertainment Group's accomplishments with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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