



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1479

By Reeves

A RESOLUTION to honor Carnton on the occasion of its 200th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to honor those Tennessee landmarks that stand as relics and testaments of the complex history of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, one such historic landmark is Carnton of Franklin, which marks its bicentennial this year; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1826, Carnton was a center of nineteenth-century political and social life; and

WHEREAS, the lives of the McGavock family who called Carnton home and the enslaved who worked there for decades are instrumental components of its history; and

WHEREAS, Carnton also played a somber role as a site of profound sacrifice during the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, in marking the bicentennial of this historic Tennessee edifice, citizens of this State are reminded of the importance of preserving places that allow for a complete and honest reflection on our shared history; and

WHEREAS, the bicentennial anniversary of Carnton is an opportunity to honor the resilience and stories of everyone who lived, worked, and was impacted by events on those grounds during the last 200 years; and

WHEREAS, Carnton is a "witness to history" that continues to tell the story of the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that, on the occasion of its 200th anniversary, we honor Carnton, a landmark of historic preservation and education.

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.

Amendment No. 1 to HJR1479

Jones J
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND <SB>

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by deleting "Carnton" wherever it appears outside the caption in the resolution and substituting "Carnton Plantation".

Amendment No. 2 to HJR1479

Jones J
Signature of Sponsor

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by inserting the following immediately after the fourth WHEREAS clause:

WHEREAS, Carnton Plantation was constructed and maintained largely through the labor of enslaved people. In 1860, the McGavock family enslaved forty-four people, who worked the land and lived under the threat of violence and separation. These enslaved persons endured systematic oppression, including hard labor, forced relocation to Alabama during the Civil War, and separation from their loved ones. The brutal system of slavery at Carnton Plantation was also maintained through surveillance and control. Mariah Reddick, an enslaved woman, served as Carrie McGavock's body servant, a role that meant being constantly available to the plantation owners; and