

**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor the Francis Marion Hendley Clan branch of The Hendley Family Association Inc., on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary.

*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan was inaugurated into existence on January 1, 1976 as one of two branches of The Hendley Family Association, Inc., and

*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan was established to represent the descendants of Mr. Francis Marion Hendley, born March 13, 1851, in Jackson (now Putnam) County, Tennessee, one of two sons of Adin S. Hendley of whom his descendants established The Hendley Family Association, Inc., for, and

*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan, at its establishment, was allowed three executive officers and those elected were: Mrs. Mildred Louise Hendley-Burgdolf, President, of Howell, Michigan; Mr. Freddie Allan Hendley,



Sr., Vice President of Edinburgh, Indiana; and Mrs. Susie Marie Hendley-Rodgers, Secretary of Franklin, Indiana, and

*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan established in its by-laws the same ceremonial position adopted by The Hendley Family Association, Inc. in its by-laws and the incorporation charter filed in Nashville, Tennessee, the title of Clan Elder for the eldest member having not already ascended to the ceremonial position of Chief Elder of The Hendley Family Association, Inc. Those who have held this honor are: the later Mr. Wilbur J. Hendley, Sr. of Franklin, Indiana 1976-1983; the later Mrs. Jewell Catherine Hendley-Taylor-Medley of Franklin, Indiana 1983-1998; Mr. John Hayden Hendley of Franklin, Indiana 1998-2003; Mrs. Mildred Louise Hendley-Burgdolf of Ft. Worth, Texas 2003-present, and

*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan has the honor of having the first Chief Elder of The Hendley Family Association, Inc., the late Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Hendley-Hale of LaPlace, Illinois January 1-March 6, 1976, and those who have ascended since then are: the late Mrs. Jewell Catherine Hendley-Taylor-Medley of Franklin, Indiana August 24, 1998-February 2, 1999; Mr. John Hayden Hendley of Franklin, Indiana July 28, 2003-present, and

*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan revised its by-laws in 2002 and established a board of directors with representatives elected from two Tribes created from the two great grandson of Francis Marin Hendley; elected and inaugurated on January 1, 2003 were: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS; Mrs. Mildred Louise Hendley-Burgdolf, President, of Ft. Worth, Texas (ascended to the position of Clan Elder on July 28, 2003); Mrs. Lilly Mae Hendley-Eisenmenger, Vice President, of Prince's Lake, Indiana (ascended to the Office of President of the Francis Marion Hendley Clan on Mrs. Mildred Louise Hendley-Burgdolf's ascension to the position of Clan Elder); Mr. Curtiss R. Hendley of Franklin, Indiana was appointed Vice President to fill Mrs. Eisenmenger's vacancy; Mrs. Susie Marie Hendley-Rodgers-McClusky of North Vernon, Indiana, re-elected Clan Secretary, and



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*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan’s first board of directors is: Representing the John H. Hendley Tribe; Mr. Curtiss Ross Hendley of Franklin, Indiana (appointed to fill the vacancy of the Clan Vice President July 28, 2003); Mrs. Helena Mae Hendley – Shugars of Martinsville, Indiana (appointed to the board to fill the vacancy of Mr. Curtiss R. Hendley); and M’s. Sharon E. Hagan of Franklin, Indiana. Representing the Wilbur J. Hendley, Sr. Tribe is; Mrs. Carla Ann Hendley – Doty of Trafalgar, Indiana; and Mr. Billy F. Hendley of Providence, Indiana, and

*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan’s Tribal officers are: for the Wilbur J. Hendley, Sr. Tribe; Mrs. Lilly Mae Hendley – Eisenmenger of Prince’s Lake, Indiana, President; Mrs. Susie Marie Hendley – McClusky of North Vernon, Indiana, Vice President; Mr. Robert D. Kinser of Franklin, Indiana, Secretary. For the John H. Hendley Tribe is; Mrs. Patricia Ann Botts of Franklin, Indiana, President; M’s. Sharon E. Hagan of Greenwood, Indiana, Vice President; Mr. Thomas D. Hagan of Franklin, Indiana, Secretary, and

*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan sponsored its first unofficial family reunion on Memorial Day 1972 at



the home of Mr. & Mrs. Billy F. Hendley then of Banta, Indiana. It hosted the first provisional reunion of the to be Hendley Family Association, inviting the members of the other branch of the family, the to be William Meredith Hendley Clan to the farm of Mr. & Mrs. Billy F. Hendley, then of Providence, Indiana on Memorial Day 1975; the official Francis Marion Hendley Clan United States Bicentennial Reunion was held at the farm of Mr. & Mrs. Billy F. Hendley, again at Providence, Indiana on Memorial Day 1976, with the last current reunion being October 27, 2002, at the Johnson County Park near Edinburgh, Indiana in honor of its Twenty – Fifth Anniversary, and

*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan has had the honor of seeing two national presidents elected for The Hendley Family Association, Inc. Mr. Billy F. Hendley of Providence, Indiana 1978 – 1979, and Mr. William H. Hendley of Indianapolis, Indiana 1982 to the present, and

*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan has had the honor seeing elected all the national secretaries of The Hendley Family Association, Inc. Mrs. Julie T. Hendley of Indianapolis, Indiana 1976 – 1981, and Mrs. Terri Lynn Hendley - Webb of Franklin, Indiana 1982 to the present, and

*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan has had the honor of seeing two elected association genealogists of The Hendley Family Association, Inc. Mr. William H. Hendley of Indianapolis, Indiana 1976 – 1981, and Mrs. Mildred Louise Hendley – Burgdolf of Ft. Worth, Texas 1982 – 1999, and

*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan has had the honor of electing outstanding individuals to the national board of directors to be its representatives; they are: Mr. Billy F. Hendley of Providence, Indiana 1976 – 1977; Mr. Freddie A. Hendley, Sr. 1976 – present; Mr. Bryan D. Hendley of Columbus, Indiana 1982 – 1999; and Mr. Timothy H. Hendley of Trafalgar, Indiana 1999 – present, and



*Whereas*, the Francis Marion Hendley Clan and its members have supported local and state historical and community projects to enhance the lives of fellow Hoosiers. From supplying an antique car and color guard countless times to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Peoga, Indiana Parade; to placing a historical marker at Anita, Indiana; to honoring the HEROIC HOOSIER CIVIL WAR CITIZENS in the Rotunda of the Indiana State House; to making and donating pew seat cushions to the World War II chapel at Camp Atterbury; members of the Francis Marion Hendley Clan have served their communities, as well as The Hendley Family Association, Inc.; Now, Therefore,

**Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:**

**SECTION 1. That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana conveys special recognition to the Francis Marion Hendley Clan, a branch of The Hendley Family Association, Inc. on its 25th Anniversary, and to honor and commend its officers, past and present, as well as its general membership for its involvement in the communities, which have enhanced the lives of all Hoosiers.**

**SECTION 2. That the Principle Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives shall transmit copies of this Resolution to: Mrs. Mildred L. Burgdolf, Clan Elder; Mrs. Lilly M. Eisenmenger, Clan President; Mr. Curtiss R. Hendley, Clan Vice President; Mrs. Susie M. McClusky, Clan Secretary; Clan Board of Directors: Mrs. Carla A. Doty; M's. Sharon E. Hagan; Mr. Billy F. Hendley; Mrs. Helena M. Shugars; Mrs. Patricia A. Botts, President of the John H. Hendley Tribe; Mr. William H. Hendley, National President of The Hendley Family Association, Inc.; Mrs. Terri L. Webb, National Secretary of The Hendley Family Association, Inc.; Mr. Freddie A. Hendley, Sr. and Mr. Timothy H. Hendley both of the National Board of Directors of The Hendley Family Association, Inc.; Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen; the Honorable Jere L. Hargrove, Chairman,**



**Commerce Committee, Tennessee House of  
Representatives.**

