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Tennessee House of Representatives Honors Harpeth Conservancy

Rep. Brandon Ogles and Sen. Jack Johnson presented proclamation recognizing organizations 20 years of success at River Swing

IMMEDIATE RELEASE—The Tennessee House of Representatives has issued a proclamation honoring Harpeth Conservancy for its 20 years of work “to monitor, restore, and protect the State Scenic Harpeth River and its tributaries.”

Rep. Brandon Ogles, R-61st district, and Sen. Jack Johnson, R-23rd district, presented the proclamation during River Swing, Harpeth’s Conservancy’s annual fundraising event on Saturday, September 28 at River Circle Farm in Franklin.

Attended by more than 730 Harpeth Conservancy supporters, the event kicked off a celebration of the science-based conservation group’s 20th anniversary. More than \$230,000 was raised to support the organization’s efforts to restore and protect clean water and healthy ecosystems for rivers.

“We really appreciate that the Tennessee General Assembly has recognized our 20 years of success in securing clean water and healthy rivers for Tennessee, and we are especially grateful for the support of Rep. Ogles and Sen. Jackson. We look forward to continuing work with them to meet the challenges ahead,” said Dorene Bolze, president and CEO of Harpeth Conservancy.

The proclamation noted the comprehensive approach utilized by Harpeth Conservancy. “This exemplary organization’s membership has expertise in a range of disciplines, including water quality science, environmental and conservation law and policy, sustainable land use planning, agricultural best management practices, and volunteer and community engagement,” the proclamation stated.

The Proclamation also states that “it is fitting that we specifically recognize those estimable organizations that are dedicated to improving the quality of life of the people of Tennessee” such as the “leadership, staff, and board of the Harpeth Conservancy that work diligently to see water quality solutions to improve the streams and rivers in our communities, which are vital for the State’s economic well-being and quality of life.”

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The Harpeth flows through the heart of Rep. Ogles district in northern Williamson County and, as he told the crowd, he has fished the Harpeth all his life. Also Sen. Johnson noted his personal connection with many in the crowd who live along the Harpeth.

River Swing, now in its 16th year, was co-chaired by Agneta & Brownlee Currey. Kathryn & Christian Currey, and Patti & Buck Williams. National recording artists, John (JoJo) Hermann of Widespread Panic and Ketch Secor of Old Crow Medicine Show, powered by Joe Andrews and The Bluff band provided terrific energy and enthusiasm for the cause of ensuring clean water and healthy rivers for everyone.

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About Harpeth Conservancy

Founded in 1999 as the Harpeth River Watershed Association, Harpeth Conservancy's mission is to restore and protect clean water and healthy ecosystems for rivers in Tennessee by employing scientific expertise and collaborative relationships to develop, promote and support broad community stewardship and action. Harpeth Conservancy works with landowners, businesses, community, local, state, and federal decision makers and others to foster solutions that reduce pollution and maintain healthy areas.

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