

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-04  
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION ALLOWING  
SALES TAX TO BE DEDUCTIBLE FROM THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX  
AND TO ALLOW FOR A BUYOUT OF TOBACCO FARMERS

**WHEREAS**, legislation is pending in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate which is of great importance to every Tennessean; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennesseans pay one of the highest sales tax rates in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, passage of federal legislation in 1986 eliminated the ability of Tennesseans to deduct the sales tax from the Federal Income Tax; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation will restore the deductibility of the State sales tax to the Internal Revenue Tax Code and will provide a Federal buyout of those farmers choosing to exit the archaic quota system presently controlling the growth and production of tobacco; and

**WHEREAS**, tobacco has traditionally been one of Tennessee's top commodities, swapping places with soybeans and cotton as the state's number one cash crop over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, U. S. tobacco growth and manufacture have been regulated by a quota system for 60 years. Initially, the quota system worked to stabilize tobacco prices and prevent monopolization of the industry. But the system has served its purpose and now is hurting tobacco farmers, the very people it was designed to protect; and

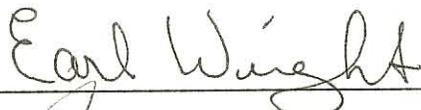
**WHEREAS**, passage of this legislation is critical for all Tennesseans regardless of their occupation and returning tobacco production to the free market system without burdening it with additional federal regulators, such as the FDA, is critical to this state's economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Weakley County Legislative Body, meeting in regular session on this the 26th day of July, 2004 that:

**SECTION 1.** The members of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation are urged to immediately pass the pending Federal legislation described in this resolution that helps Tennessee's farmers as well as every Tennessean by allowing the sales tax to be deducted from the Federal Income Tax.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution immediately to Tennessee's U.S. Senators and Congressmen.

Pursuant to The Rules of The Commission, This Resolution is Sponsored by The Following Members of The Weakley County Board of County Commissioners:

  
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ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

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Chairman of Health, Education & Welfare  
Committee

  
Chairman of Finance, Ways & Means  
Committee

Motion was made by Commissioner Owen that eh foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Commissioner Page.

Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion carried by a vote of:

Yeas 17 Nays 0 Passed 0 Absent 1

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

  
Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

  
Ron Gifford, County Mayor

20th                      September  
This the ~~26th~~ Day of ~~July~~, 2004