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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Bible is one of the cornerstone texts of world history, with a narrative that has had a profound impact on Western culture, and, as such, it is a tome most worthy of study and analysis; and

WHEREAS, since 1922, the Bible in the Schools program has provided Hamilton County public school students in grades 6-12 with the opportunity to study the Bible in the classroom; these courses, offered as electives, allow students to study the Bible from a literary or historical perspective; and

WHEREAS, the program was developed by visionary educator Dr. J. Park McCallie, founder of The McCallie School; originally known as the Public School Bible Study Committee, Bible in the Schools promotes rigorous study of the complex, seminal historical and cultural text; and

WHEREAS, the Bible History program consists of five elective courses taught from a viewpoint-neutral, court-approved curriculum; electives are funded entirely through generous donors of the Hamilton County community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, now in its centennial year, the Hamilton County Bible History program provides classes to more than 4,600 students in twenty-nine schools annually; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we honor the legacy of this important program, which has had a profound, lasting impact on generations of Hamilton Countians; now, therefore,

I, Randy McNally, Speaker of the Senate of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, in conjunction with the undersigned, do hereby proclaim that we honor and commend the Hamilton County Bible History program, Bible in the Schools, on the occasion of its centennial anniversary, extending our best wishes for its continued success.

Proclaimed in Nashville, Tennessee, on this the 3rd day of February 2022.




Randy McNally
Speaker of the Senate



Bo Watson, Senator
11th Senate District