

## **RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION**

### **BRANDON AND KATHERINE WHITT**

**WHEREAS**, Brandon and Katherine Whitt were recently winners of the “Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award” during the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Tennessee Young Farmers & Ranchers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Achievement Award recognizes young farmers and ranchers who have excelled in their farming or ranching operations and exhibited superior leadership abilities. Participants are evaluated on a combination of their agricultural operation’s growth and financial progress, Farm Bureau leadership, and leadership outside of Farm Bureau, and for winning this award, Brandon and Katherine received a 2014 GMC pickup, courtesy of GM; and

**WHEREAS**, the Whitts farm over 1900 acres in the surrounding Blackman and Murfreesboro area of Rutherford County in an owner/partnership operation within Batey Farms. Their major crops are soybeans, wheat, corn, milo and strawberries. They market over 800 head of hogs a year mostly through retail outlets consisting of 4,000 pounds of meat monthly by farm retail, restaurants, and farmers markets; and

**WHEREAS**, both Brandon and Katherine have been very active in the Young Farmers and Ranchers program, as well as the Rutherford County Farm Bureau and community. Brandon has served as the State YF&R committee chairman, a member of the TFBF Board of Directors, American Farm Bureau Partnering Ag Leadership participant, and held numerous county YF&R leadership positions. Katherine is active on numerous YF&R committees as well as several community organizations. Both are very active within the community serving within the Blackman United Methodist Church and the Blackman Community Club. Brandon shares their love of agriculture through music in his band “Pork and Beans”, playing and singing all over the country at farm

