



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 339

By Representatives Evans, Littleton, Gilmore, Madam Speaker Harwell and Representatives Jernigan, Jones, Love, Mitchell, Odom, Powell, Stewart, Mike Turner, Shepard, Curtis Johnson, Pitts, Tidwell, Joe Carr, Sparks, Dawn White, Lamberth, Rogers, Weaver, Casada, Durham, Sargent, Lynn

and

Senators Ketron, Tracy, Dickerson, Harper, Henry, Haile, Beavers, Summerville, Hensley, Green, Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Leadership Middle Tennessee and its Class of 2013 for laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable organizations that encourage success and effective leadership by their participants; and

WHEREAS, one such notable organization is Leadership Middle Tennessee, a regional leadership institute established in 1999, which serves the ten-county area of Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Maury, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, entering the 21st Century, the communities of Middle Tennessee face many challenges in common with communities across the nation, as rapid growth and urbanization cause a blurring of traditional and historic civic boundaries; communities with sufficient foresight to recognize the changing dynamic will survive and thrive; and

WHEREAS, to succeed, Middle Tennessee's community leaders must develop a unity of purpose and meet regional challenges with regional vision – such is the mission of Leadership Middle Tennessee – to contribute to future planned and sustainable economic and community growth and development in the area by the participation of community, business, and government leaders in an annual regional leadership program and subsequent alumni activities designed to encourage and promote a regional perspective on current issues; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Leadership Middle Tennessee Class of 2013 are: Tommy Bates, James Halford, Candy Johnson, and Tommy Vallejos of Montgomery County; Randy Bostic, Nancy Eisenbrandt, Kaki Friskics-Warren, Shawn Henry, Keri McInnis, Lisa Meiers, and William Miller, II, of Davidson County; Andrae Crismon, Sr., Paul Latture, Tara MacDougall, and Bert McCarter of Rutherford County; Ray Crouch, Jr., and Len Rinehart, III of Cheatham County; Chris Dowell, Randall Hutto, and Nelson Remus of Wilson County; Chris Heeren, Nina Kumar, and Ty Watts of Robertson County; Clyde Ingalls, Kathie Moore, Jeff Palmquist, and Melissa Thompson of Williamson County; Melinda Judd and Reggie Mudd of Sumner County; Joe Kilgore and Kristi Martin of Maury County; and Pat Reynolds and Tim White of Dickson County; and

WHEREAS, focusing on leadership development and regional collaboration, Leadership Middle Tennessee's program consists of ten sessions plus an introductory session, commencing in September, with a special graduation ceremony in May; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Middle Tennessee recently hosted its Class of 2013, guiding its members through the nine-month program that covered a wide variety of subjects; and

WHEREAS, the topics covered by the Class of 2013 were: Teambuilding and Regionalism; Healthcare and Quality of Life Issues; Agriculture in Middle Tennessee; Sports, Leisure and Tourism; Education, Workforce Development, and Fort Campbell; Preservation; Justice System and the Judiciary; Legislative: Public Policy, Politics, and Economic

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Development; Technology Advancements; Housing; Transportation; and Natural Resources and Environmental Issues; and

WHEREAS, attending the monthly meetings at the various locations around Middle Tennessee, the members of the Class of 2013 each shared a personal story about their life with the group; strong friendships and relationships have been formed as a result; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Middle Tennessee also sponsors an alumni association of graduates, which, as it grows, will help leverage the benefits of the ongoing program by creating a growing network of local leaders with a regional perspective, providing a rich source of contributors to the curriculum of future classes, as well as serving as a source for nominations of participants in future classes, and becoming an overall regional asset; and

WHEREAS, through all of its activities, Leadership Middle Tennessee has successfully provided a basis for the cities, communities, and counties of Middle Tennessee to work more effectively together and has empowered the Class of 2013 to enhance this effort; and

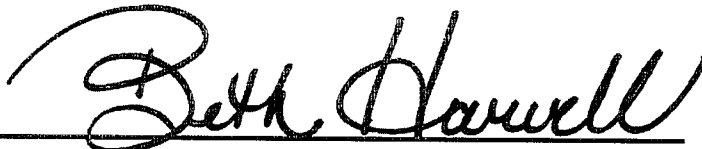
WHEREAS, the Class of 2013 of Leadership Middle Tennessee is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and this worthy group should be specially recognized; now, therefore,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the members of the Leadership Middle Tennessee Class of 2013 for their laudable service to the people of Middle Tennessee and this State and thank Leadership Middle Tennessee and its graduates for striving to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: April 16, 2013


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 18th day of April 2013


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR