



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 105

By Senator Crowe

and

Representatives Van Huss, Matthew Hill

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dennis Lee Vonderfecht upon the tenth anniversary of his Mountain States Health Alliance Quality Awards program.

WHEREAS, Dennis Vonderfecht is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Mountain States Health Alliance (MSHA) and he has distinguished himself as a model leader of that organization for the past twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vonderfecht has led Mountain States Health Alliance to significant expansion of healthcare services in the region; and

WHEREAS, he has guided Mountain States Health Alliance to noteworthy achievements in the arena of quality, such as the United States Senate Quality and Productivity Medallion Award in Virginia in 2012, the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence Award in 2005 and 2009, and most recently the National Quality Forum National Quality Healthcare Award in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Dennis will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Mountain States Health Alliance Quality Awards on February 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dennis was the founding CEO of the MSHA Quality Awards and has supplied continuous support for the Quality Awards program, which has motivated Mountain States Health Alliance team members and physicians to apply systematic improvement approaches to healthcare processes, resulting in improved quality healthcare, safer healthcare delivery, enhanced patient experience, and millions of dollars saved; and

WHEREAS, in the course of the ten years of the Quality Awards program, Dennis Vonderfecht has personally recognized the efforts of nearly 8,000 team members and physicians; now, therefore,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby wholeheartedly congratulate Dennis Lee Vonderfecht on the tenth anniversary of the Mountain States Health Alliance Quality Awards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we acknowledge the personal commitment and outstanding leadership in the pursuit of quality exhibited by Mr. Vonderfecht and the impact that his dedication to "bringing loving care to healthcare" has had on the people of Tennessee and surrounding states.

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: February 6, 2013



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6th day of February 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR