

# State of Tennessee

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 115

By Senator Finney

and

Representative Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Eugene Witherspoon for his contributions to the creative community of Jackson.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those talented citizens of this State whose creative abilities find outlet and expression through art; and

WHEREAS, one such highly talented Tennessean is Eugene Witherspoon who has recently gained recognition for his artistic replicas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Witherspoon takes the scraps left over from his warehouse job at Madison Haywood Developmental Services and creates miniature buildings, models, and trains; the act of creating the replicas provides Mr. Witherspoon with a relaxing mental escape, while providing the public with beautiful pieces of art to admire; and

WHEREAS, his coworkers and friends took notice of his artistic abilities and eventually Mr. Witherspoon's art became part of an art exhibit at The Bank of Jackson; his creations were extremely well received by visitors; and

WHEREAS, audiences were amazed at his capabilities once they learned that Mr. Witherspoon assembles his replicas from memory; he does not use sketches or any other drafting materials; and

WHEREAS, what is even more remarkable is that his replicas are so accurate that even the people who constructed the original buildings are impressed; one contractor went on to purchase one of Mr. Witherspoon's pieces; and

WHEREAS, his skills are exceptional while his tools are simple: scissors, glue, knives, and cardboard; and

WHEREAS, the intricacies of his work and the breadth of his talents cannot be ignored; and

WHEREAS, a gifted and committed artist, Eugene Witherspoon serves as an example of the exceptional quality of those contributors to the creative arts of Tennessee; and


WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to take this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's budding artists; 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 recognize and congratulate Eugene Witherspoon for his artistic achievements and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

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 25, 2013

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR