



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 772

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to commend those exemplary institutions that, through an abiding commitment to excellence, foster an appreciation of art in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable institution is the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, which is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its grand opening; and

WHEREAS, the Museum's permanent collection is the largest, oldest, and only collection of world art in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Museum is home to a collection of 9,000 pieces, and includes ancient works from Greece, Rome, and the Americas; Renaissance masterpieces from Italy; English portraiture; American paintings and decorative arts; contemporary art; and a survey of African art; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art strives to enrich the lives of its diverse community through its ever-expanding collections, varied exhibitions, and dynamic programs that reflect the art of cultures around the world from antiquity to the present; and

WHEREAS, in 1913, Bessie Vance Brooks donated \$100,000 to the city of Memphis to build a museum in honor of her late husband, Samuel Hamilton Brooks; and

WHEREAS, located in the heart of Memphis in Overton Park, the Brooks Memorial Art Gallery opened its doors on May 26, 1916, and Mrs. Brooks dedicated the museum "for the free use and service of students of art and for the enjoyment, inspiration, and instruction of our people"; and

WHEREAS, containing twenty-nine galleries, two art classrooms, a research library, and a professional auditorium, the Museum plays a leading role in the cultural development of the Mid-South while also participating actively in the national arts ecology, has become a cultural center for the city, and provides a place for families, school groups, and people of all ages to enjoy the arts throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art will embark on a yearlong celebration beginning May 26, 2016, to honor its rich and storied past, showcase its rare world collection, and launch new and innovative programming; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize this stately institution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art as it celebrates its 100th anniversary and extend our best wishes for continued success in all 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: April 14, 2016



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 18th day of April 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR