



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1013

By Representative Smith

and

Senator Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Louis J. Gross upon his selection as a recipient of the 2018 SEC Faculty Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dr. Louis J. Gross, who was recently selected as a recipient of the 2018 SEC Faculty Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, now in its seventh year, the SEC Faculty Achievement Award honors one individual from each Southeastern Conference (SEC) university who has excelled in teaching and research; the recipient must be a teacher or scholar at an SEC university who has achieved the rank of full professor and has a record of extraordinary teaching as well as a record of research that is recognized nationally and/or internationally; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Louis Gross is the Alvin and Sally Beaman Distinguished Professor of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology and Mathematics at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK); his research interests include mathematical ecology, computational ecology, landscape ecology, and photosynthetic dynamics; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gross received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Drexel University and his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Applied Mathematics from Cornell University; he has been a faculty member at UTK since 1979; and

WHEREAS, chair of the UTK Faculty Senate budget and planning committee, Dr. Gross is a past president of The Society for Mathematical Biology and the UTK Faculty Senate; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his field, Dr. Gross is the director of the Institute for Environmental Modeling and the founder and current director of the National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gross is a member of the Committee on Envisioning the Data Science Discipline: The Undergraduate Perspective for The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; he serves as an advisory board member for Quantitative Undergraduate Biology Education and Synthesis and as a section editor on the editorial board of *Letters in Biomathematics*; and

WHEREAS, a prolific writer, Dr. Louis Gross is the co-author of *Mathematics for the Life Sciences* and was one of the editors of *Encyclopedia of Theoretical Ecology*; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Dr. Gross is a longtime volunteer for Jubilee Community Arts and Community Shares and serves as house sound engineer for concerts at the Laurel Theatre in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Louis Gross epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Louis Gross for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,


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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Louis J. Gross upon his selection as a recipient of the 2018 SEC Faculty Achievement Award and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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 11, 2018


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17th day of April 2018


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR