



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 885

By Representatives Holt, Ragan, Griffey, Tillis, Faison, Hurt, Terry, Bricken, Timothy Hill, Sherrell, Sparks, Powers, Littleton

and

Senators Southerland, Crowe, Gresham, Niceley, Pody, Powers, Rose, Stevens, White

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate President Donald J. Trump upon his acquittal in the impeachment trial in the United States Senate.

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2020, President Donald J. Trump was acquitted on two articles of impeachment following a trial in the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Senate voted to acquit President Trump by a vote of 52–48 on the first article of impeachment and a vote of 53–47 on the second article of impeachment; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Senators Marsha Blackburn and Lamar Alexander both voted to acquit President Donald Trump on both articles of impeachment. Senator Blackburn was recently elected to her Senate seat after representing Tennessee's 7th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Senator Lamar Alexander was first elected to the Senate in 2002 and recently announced his retirement, and we thank him for his many years of dedicated service to our State; and

WHEREAS, during President Donald Trump's administration, almost four million jobs have been created, including more than 400,000 manufacturing jobs, and more Americans are now employed than at any other time in our nation's history; economic growth hit 4.2 percent as new unemployment claims hit a forty-nine-year low and the median household income hit the highest level ever recorded; and

WHEREAS, the rate of unemployment for veterans, women, youth, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, and those without a high school diploma are at record low rates, and almost 3.9 million Americans have been lifted off food stamps; and

WHEREAS, thanks to President Trump's Pledge to America's Workers, employers have committed to train more than four million Americans for the workplace; the manufacturing sector has seen job growth at the fastest rate in more than three decades; and 95 percent of U.S. manufacturers are optimistic about the future; retail sales have also surged; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has eliminated a record number of regulations and enacted regulatory relief for community banks and credit unions; he also signed the biggest package of tax cuts and reforms in history, resulting in more than \$300 billion poured back into the United States in a single quarter and the lowest marginal tax rate for small businesses in more than eighty years; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump helped secure the United States' bid for the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, California, and the U.S.-Mexico-Canada united bid for the 2026 World Cup; and

WHEREAS, President Trump authorized the opening of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and approved the Keystone XL and Dakota Access Pipelines; he withdrew the United States from the Paris Climate Accord and canceled the Clean Power Plan. Coal exports have increased by 60 percent, and U.S. oil production has reached an all-time high; the country is a net natural gas exporter for the first time since 1957; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has eliminated the individual mandate penalty while providing more affordable healthcare options for Americans through association health plans and short-term duration plans. The Trump administration has reformed the Medicare

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program to stop hospitals from overcharging low-income seniors on their prescriptions. The Food and Drug Administration has approved more affordable generic drugs than ever before, and many drug companies are freezing or reversing planned price increases; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has secured \$6 billion in new funding to fight the opioid epidemic while reducing high-dose opioid prescriptions by 16 percent in his first year in office; and

WHEREAS, President Trump signed into law the Veterans Affairs Choice Act and the Veterans Affairs Accountability Act; he has expanded Veterans Affairs telehealth services, walk-in clinics, and same-day urgent primary and mental health care; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has secured more than \$700 billion annually in military funding, and NATO allies are spending \$69 billion more on defense since 2016; the process has begun to make the Space Force the sixth branch of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Justice Neil Gorsuch and Justice Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump's nominees to the Supreme Court, have both been confirmed by the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has withdrawn from the Iran Deal, moved the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, issued an executive order to keep Guantanamo Bay open, and protected Americans from terrorists with the travel ban; and

WHEREAS, President Trump concluded a historic U.S.-Mexico trade deal to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement and reached a breakthrough agreement with the European Union to increase U.S. exports; he has imposed tariffs on foreign steel and aluminum as well as tariffs on China. Net exports are on track to increase by \$59 billion; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has improved vetting and screening for refugees and switched focus to overseas resettlement; he has begun building the wall for strong borders and less crime; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate President Donald J. Trump's acquittal on two articles of impeachment and praise President Trump for his accomplishments as our nation's forty-fifth president.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17th day of March 2020


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR