



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 501

By Representative Evans and Madam Speaker Harwell and Representatives Elam, Curtis Johnson, Butt, Gotto, Sontany, Shepard, Sparks, Gilmore, Odom, Moore, Womick, Pody, Tidwell, Jones, Carr, Pitts, Stewart, McDonald, Maggart, Casada, Mike Turner, Phillip Johnson, Pruitt, Sargent, Marsh

and

Senators Roberts, Barnes, Harper, Ford

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Leadership Middle Tennessee and its class of 2011 for laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable organizations that encourage success and effective leadership by their participants; and

WHEREAS, one such notable organization is Leadership Middle Tennessee, a regional leadership institute established in 1999, which serves the ten-county area of Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Maury, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, entering the 21st Century, the communities of Middle Tennessee face many challenges in common with communities across the nation, as rapid growth and urbanization cause a blurring of traditional and historic civic boundaries; communities with sufficient foresight to recognize the changing dynamic will survive and thrive; and

WHEREAS, to succeed, Middle Tennessee's community leaders must develop a unity of purpose and meet regional challenges with regional vision – such is the mission of Leadership Middle Tennessee – to contribute to future planned and sustainable economic and community growth and development in the area by the participation of community, business, and government leaders in an annual regional leadership program and subsequent alumni activities designed to encourage and promote a regional perspective on current issues; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Leadership Middle Tennessee Class of 2011 are: Dianne Proffitt and David Stryjewski of Cheatham County; Harold Clark, Erik Cole, Fiona Haulter, Genma Holmes, Julie Landstreet, John Levesque, Paul Ney, Karen Shayne, and Bethel Thomas of Davidson County; Jason Pilkinton and Warner Taylor of Dickson County; Ty Cobb, Janet Smith, and Randy Wilmore of Maury County; Jeff Bibb, Phil Harpel, Melinda Shepard, Greg Stalworth, and Sammy Stuard of Montgomery County; Rebecca Gunn and Shanan Poss of Robertson County; Rob Lyons, Roy Moore, Juan Morales, and Lee Moss of Rutherford County; Jimmy Johnston Courtney Rogers of Sumner County, Jackie Akbari, Bob Knestrick, and Jeffrey Palmquist of Williamson County, and Jackie Cowden and Jay White of Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Middle Tennessee is led by Chairman Jack Turner, of the Board of Directors, and enjoys the services of a full-time Executive Director located at Middle Tennessee State University, Susan Turner Taylor, who has served in that capacity since 1999; and

WHEREAS, focusing on leadership development and regional collaboration, Leadership Middle Tennessee's program consists of ten sessions plus an introductory session, commencing in September, with a special graduation ceremony in May; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Middle Tennessee recently hosted its class of 2011, guiding its members through the nine-month program that covered a wide variety of subjects; and

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WHEREAS, the topics covered by the Class of 2011 were: Teambuilding and Regionalism; Healthcare and Quality of Life; Sports, Leisure and Tourism; Education and Workforce Development; Fort Campbell; Preservation; Technology Advancements; Natural Resources and Environmental Issues; Legislative: Public Policy, Politics, and Economic Development; Housing; Transportation; and Justice System and the Judiciary; and

WHEREAS, attending the monthly meetings at the various locations around Middle Tennessee and experiencing a number of unique situations as they braved extreme temperatures, both hot and cold, the members of the Class of 2011 each shared a personal story about their life with the group; strong friendships and relationships have been formed as a result; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Middle Tennessee also sponsors an alumni association of graduates, which, as it grows, will help leverage the benefits of the ongoing program by creating a growing network of local leaders with a regional perspective, providing a rich source of contributors to the curriculum of future classes as well as serving as a source for nominations of participants in future classes, and becoming an overall regional asset; and

WHEREAS, through all of its activities, Leadership Middle Tennessee has successfully provided a basis for the cities, communities, and counties of Middle Tennessee to work more effectively together and has empowered the Class of 2011 to enhance this effort; and

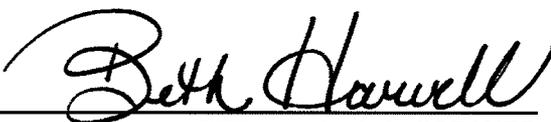
WHEREAS, the Class of 2011 of Leadership Middle Tennessee is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and this worthy group should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the Leadership Middle Tennessee Class of 2011 for their laudable service to the people of Middle Tennessee and this State, and thank Leadership Middle Tennessee and its graduates for striving to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens.

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: MAY 21, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 25th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR