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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Lynnisse Roehrich-Patrick
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DATE: 12 September 2012

SUBJECT: Commission Resolutions

Attached are two resolutions your approval. The first honors Dr. Harry A. Green for his service as executive director of the Commission for nearly four decades. The second honors Mayor A. Keith McDonald of Bartlett for his service on the Commission over the past four years. Both Dr. Green and Mayor McDonald have been invited to the meeting so the resolutions can be presented to them in person.

A RESOLUTION to honor Harry A. Green, Ph.D. for thirty-nine years of meritorious service as Executive Director of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to honor staff of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations upon retirement who have performed exemplary public service with the utmost integrity and whose selfless efforts have ensured proper attention to complex issues in fulfillment of the Commission's mission to serve as a forum for the discussion and resolution of intergovernmental problems, to provide the highest quality research support to state and local government officials in order to improve the overall quality of government in Tennessee, and to improve the effectiveness of the intergovernmental system to better serve the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harry Green, recently retired executive director of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, is one such commendable public servant in state government who is respected nationally by his peers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green was born March 24, 1933, in Wilson County, Tennessee, and served honorably in the United States Army from 1953 through 1955, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Middle Tennessee State University in 1957, and subsequently earned a Master of Science degree in Public Administration at Florida State University in 1958 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Public Administration at the University of Colorado in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green has served in numerous academic positions, including professorships at Middle Tennessee State University, Florida State University, George

Washington University, the University of Pittsburgh, and the University of Ife, Nigeria; associate dean at Georgia State University; and dean and department head at Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green was appointed Deputy Director of the Division of Economic Opportunity, Office of the Governor of the State of Florida, in 1966; Director, Federal Relations and Neighborhood Centers and Special Assistant for Model Cities, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in 1966; and Chief, Research and Statistics, Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee, in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green was appointed the first executive director of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations in 1981 and served commendably during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, current TACIR Executive Director Lynnisse Roehrich-Patrick commented on Dr. Green's legacy, noting that "in a very real sense, Dr. Green is the co-founder, along with the late Representative John Bragg, of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and the reason it remains a reliable source of unbiased, sound public policy analysis today; and over the course of his long career, he has been a mentor and inspiration to many young people; and as one who has devoted his life to improving the lot of others by supporting responsive and responsible government, Dr. Green remains an icon of public service"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ed Young, longtime friend and colleague, commented on Dr. Green's service, noting that "Harry was honest, competent, conscientious, and he already had a wealth of experience in government and economics when he was appointed executive director of

TACIR; and he was highly professional, and respectful of all who were representatives of the people—in the legislative and executive branches, and local government; and in the end, as TACIR’s product is knowledge, Harry had the power to anticipate, to understand, to get on top of a problem and to make a difference”; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Green’s leadership, the Advisory Commission has been the lynchpin in developing key issues that have shaped state government for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harry A. Green has supported and enhanced the ability of elected officials to improve the performance of government and the quality of life for Tennesseans by providing masterful testimony to and on behalf of the State on imperative aspects of education finance, utility regulation, and state and local tax systems, among others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green has been active in numerous professional organizations and state government associations, holding membership and positions of leadership in the National Tax Association, American Economic Association, American Society for Public Administration, Society for International Development, World Future Society, and American Education Finance Association; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Commission, under Dr. Green’s leadership, has been recognized by the Governmental Research Association with an Award for Most Distinguished Research, an Award for Special Achievement, a Certificate of Merit for Most Distinguished Research, a Certificate of Merit for Special Achievement, a Certificate of Merit for Effective Education, and two Certificates of Merit for Effective Citizen Education; by the National

Association of Development Organizations with an Innovation Award; and by the American Library Association with a Notable Document Award; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Bragg, who as mayor of Murfreesboro represents Tennessee municipalities on the Advisory Commission, commended Dr. Green, noting that “his integrity and resourcefulness have perpetuated cooperation and open problem-solving across Tennessee governments, making our state stronger and resilient for years to come”; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mark Norris, Senate Majority Leader and TACIR Chair, has said, “During my eleven years of service on the Commission, Dr. Green has been instrumental in giving guidance as history was made; and our policies in education, finance, municipal planning, water resources, TVA, and illegal immigration have all been shaped in some respect by Harry Green;” and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green has retired from the State of Tennessee after more than thirty-nine years as a dedicated public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TENNESSEE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Harry Green for his meritorious service as Executive Director of the Tennessee Advisory Commission and recognize his numerous contributions to this Commission and for his honorable and dedicated service to the good people of the great state of Tennessee.

A RESOLUTION to honor Mayor A. Keith McDonald of Bartlett, Tennessee, for four years of meritorious service on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to honor members of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations upon completion of their terms, who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts have ensured proper attention to myriad issues in fulfillment of the Commission's mission to serve as a forum for the discussion and resolution of intergovernmental problems, to provide high quality research support to state and local government officials in order to improve the overall quality of government in Tennessee, and to improve the effectiveness of the intergovernmental system to better serve the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, A. Keith McDonald, as owner and founder of McDonald Insurance and Financial Services, has received numerous leadership awards within the insurance industry and had the honor of serving as a delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business in 1986 during President Ronald Reagan's administration; and

WHEREAS, while distinguishing himself in service to his community and demonstrating his own leadership abilities, Mr. McDonald cofounded Leadership Bartlett in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald began his public service in October 1997, serving two terms on the City of Bartlett, Tennessee's, Board of Alderman then becoming Mayor of Bartlett when sworn in on January 1, 2003, in which capacity he continues to serve; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McDonald has served on numerous boards and commissions including as 2007 and 2008 chair of the National League of Cities' First Tier Suburbs Council

and as a member of its Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee, has received awards such as the Bobby Dunavant Public Service Award and the Memphis Most Awards of "Most Beloved Leader", and was mayor when CNN/Money Magazine chose Bartlett as one of the Top 100 places to live and when the Veterans Memorial Park was completed; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McDonald was named the Tennessee Municipal League's 2012 Mayor of the Year because he typifies the attributes of intelligence, effectiveness, hard work, dedication, and sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McDonald has endeared himself to his community through his compassion for the citizens of Bartlett and his genuine concern for his staff through acts of kindness and concern throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Keith McDonald was appointed to the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations by Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate Ron Ramsey in 2008 and has served with distinction as a member of this Commission for four years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TENNESSEE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS that we hereby honor and commend Mayor Keith McDonald for his countless contributions to this Commission and for his honorable and dedicated service to the good people of the great state of Tennessee.