

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 43

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Andy Marshall for his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is the pleasure of the members of this General Assembly to acknowledge and applaud those venerable Tennesseans who have devoted themselves to serving their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Andy Marshall, CEO of A. Marshall Hospitality, a family-owned and -operated Tennessee institution that is known for its great food and Southern hospitality as well as its philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, born in Memphis, Andy Marshall moved to Franklin at the age of thirteen, where he began learning the inner workings of the grocery business with his father, Clifton H. Marshall, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Franklin High School, Mr. Marshall received his degree in business and marketing from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, at the age of twenty-six, Andy Marshall purchased his first grocery store, a Piggly Wiggly in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and over the next several years, he purchased additional grocery stores in Nashville; during this time, he was named president of the Tennessee Grocers Association and the Piggly Wiggly Association; and

WHEREAS, with his love of food, music, and community steering him in a different direction, Mr. Marshall sold all of his stores in 1998 and purchased a little gem in the heart of Leiper's Fork called Puckett's Grocery; and

WHEREAS, currently, A. Marshall Hospitality boasts five locations of its cornerstone brand, Puckett's Gro. & Restaurant, across the State, in addition to concepts Puckett's Boat House, Puckett's Trolley, Homestead Manor, Scout's Pub, Hattie Jane's Creamery, and

Deacon's New South; for the last five years, *Inc. Magazine* has named A. Marshall Hospitality one of the fastest growing companies in America; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many successes, Andy Marshall has never forgotten those whose guidance helped him along the way; he is a self-proclaimed "product of the Boys & Girls Club," crediting the organization for providing strong reinforcements and role models during his youth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall regularly supports the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rutherford County and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Maury County with charitable campaigns run by the company's Murfreesboro and Columbia concepts; in addition to monetary donations, he is a role model for the youth, sharing his inspirational story with them, and serves on the board of the Maury County organization; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his contributions to the Boys & Girls Clubs, Andy Marshall has been a strong supporter of Williamson County CASA through Puckett's Gro. and Puckett's Boat House in Franklin; each year, during selected months each fall, the Franklin locations offer diners raffle tickets for a playhouse at fifty percent of the ticket cost, thereby boosting sales for the raffle and increasing fundraising revenue for Williamson County CASA; and

WHEREAS, Puckett's Gro. in downtown Nashville has seen great success in recent years through month-long Mission H2O and Funds 4 Food campaigns that aimed to combat pressing issues in Music City; the efforts resulted in a \$10,000 donation to Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee and 27,360 water bottles for the Nashville Rescue Mission; and

WHEREAS, with the future of local farmers and food producers in mind, Mr. Marshall attends the annual 4-H Livestock Expo and Auction at the Williamson County Fair; in 2017, he hosted a 4-H Farm Dinner at Homestead Manor in Thompson's Station, featuring meats from several steers he had purchased at the auction alongside fresh vegetables from the property's on-site farm; and

WHEREAS, A. Marshall Hospitality also gives back to Tennesseans via its scholarship program through the Tennessee Hospitality and Tourism Association; the scholarship assists those students seeking culinary or hospitality degrees; and

WHEREAS, Andy Marshall truly embodies the volunteer spirit that earned Tennessee its nickname; through A. Marshall Hospitality, he has done much to contribute to the well-being of his fellow citizens in various capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall is a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and most worthy of our approbation; 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 commend Andy Marshall for his manifold contributions to his fellow Tennesseans, extending our best wishes for continued success in all his 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.