

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 501

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Charles W. Hand on his receipt of the Middle Tennessee Council - Boy Scouts of America Good Scout 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 Charles W. Hand, who will be honored with the Middle Tennessee Council - Boy Scouts of America Good Scout Award on May 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Good Scout Award recognizes those citizens who have made significant contributions to the Boy Scouts of America and have demonstrated a commitment to the organization's programs and Scout Oath and Law, and it is the Middle Tennessee Council's highest honor for individual and corporate citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Charles Hand is chair of the Hand Family Companies, a small, regional wholesale company founded by his father in 1949; under Mr. Hand's leadership, the company has grown into a multi-state distributor with beverage distribution operations in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Illinois; has been designated a Key Wholesaler by Anheuser-Busch InBev; and was recognized as the Anheuser-Busch Tennessee Wholesaler of the Year five times; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Clarksville, Charles Hand's civic involvement includes serving as a member of the Middle Tennessee Council - Boy Scouts of America, Clarksville Civitan Club, Board for Alcohol and Drug Prevention, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Marcus Hotels, Clarksville Country Club, Clarksville Department of Electricity Power Board, and the Montgomery County Museum Board. In addition, Mr. Hand is past president and current board

member of Clarksville Academy, Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Tennessee Malt Beverage Association; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Austin Peay State University, Charles Hand has been a longtime supporter of his alma mater; he is a member of the Austin Peay State University Alumni Association and the Austin Peay Foundation Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Hand has been honored as the recipient of the National Award for Community Involvement by the National Beer Wholesalers Association in 2000, the William O. Beach Award as Citizen of the Year for Montgomery County in 2004, and the Gracey Award for outstanding service to the Customs House Museum in 2006; he was chosen as Small Businessman of the Year by the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce in 1995; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, he is also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, through his estimable service to Montgomery County, Charles Hand epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Charles Hand for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

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 hereby honor and commend Charles W. Hand upon his receipt of the Middle Tennessee Council - Boy Scouts of America Good Scout Award, thank him for his meritorious service to Montgomery County and this State, 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.