

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 562

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the grand opening of Plaza Mariachi Music City.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize the start of new business ventures that will enrich their communities and strengthen Tennessee's economic health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable endeavor is Plaza Mariachi Music City in South Nashville, which opens its doors for business on May 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, constructed at the site of the former Elysian Field Kroger on Nolensville Road, Plaza Mariachi is an 85,000-square-foot space designed to house authentic food, shopping, dining, art, and live entertainment under one roof in the style of traditional Latin marketplace streets; and

WHEREAS, during the course of two years, more than ten artisans were hired to design and implement the architecture of Plaza Mariachi before construction was at last handed over to the capable hands of Rob McKelvey and IKON Construction; and

WHEREAS, when the doors are opened at Plaza Mariachi, visitors from Nashville and beyond will be able to walk along five calles, pass under stone archways, and view beautiful stained glass and intricate and colorful tile work, all designed to resemble the captivating architecture of cities such as Monterrey; and

WHEREAS, along with the handsomely crafted designs, visitors to the plaza can shop at twenty small boutique retail shops; ten restaurants; and numerous other businesses, including an art gallery, a home mortgage company, a radio station, a family center and arcade, a beauty salon, and a law firm; and

WHEREAS, with its intricate architecture, vast construction, and need for employees, Plaza Mariachi has created more than 200 jobs for the citizens of Tennessee, making it a new bastion of economic growth for the State; and

WHEREAS, seeing an opportunity to provide new services and a culture center for a growing Nashville community, business leader Mark Janbakhsh and his wife Diane set out to create what is to be a place of love and respect for Hispanic heritage, and as Plaza Mariachi Music City has its grand opening, it is clear that Mr. and Mrs. Janbakhsh are on the road to resounding success; and

WHEREAS, we are a nation that upholds the ideals of free market capitalism and the entrepreneurial spirit, and it is these great principles that have defined our country from its founding through its rise as a global super power; and

WHEREAS, while our country and this State continue to persevere beyond the Great Recession, it is paramount that emerging businesses not be hindered, but lauded in their pursuit of success in the hope that their triumph lifts our communities to new heights of prosperity; and

WHEREAS, it is thus most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly applaud the efforts of new economic ventures in Tennessee such as Plaza Mariachi Music City and acknowledge this great cause that is steeped in American history; 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 recognize and commend the grand opening of Plaza Mariachi Music City and extend to its owners and staff our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.