

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 642

By Holt

A RESOLUTION encouraging Sean Hannity and other like-minded New Yorkers to make Tennessee their new home.

WHEREAS, after Governor Andrew Cuomo made inflammatory and insulting remarks about conservatives living in the Empire State, Fox News and radio host Sean Hannity has pledged to leave “the unified socialist state of New York” to live in the sunny South, perhaps Texas or Florida; and

WHEREAS, in elaborating on his decision, Mr. Hannity said that in addition to paying the highest level of federal income tax, he pays a New York state income tax and “the second highest property tax level in the nation” as a resident of New York’s Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, as he ponders where he would like to reside in the Sun Belt, we want to offer Mr. Hannity some information and guidance, free of charge; and

WHEREAS, like Florida and Texas, the Volunteer State is one of only nine states in the nation that has no tax on earned income; and

WHEREAS, according to The Tax Foundation, Tennessee has the third lowest tax burden in the United States, and when measured by the percentage of personal income paid in state and local taxes, Tennessee has the lowest tax burden in the nation according to the Federation of Tax Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has among the lowest property tax rates in the nation, and our property taxes are much lower than either Florida’s or Texas’s; and

WHEREAS, in addition to having a long and distinguished history of low taxation, Tennessee is a bastion of conservatism, family values, small government, personal

responsibility, and Second Amendment rights and has long disdained the debilitating effects of liberalism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hannity is an avowed supporter of the GOP, and we would like to remind him that Tennessee has a Republican governor, a Republican supermajority in both houses of the General Assembly, and 9 of 11 of our Congressional members are Republican, and that Tennessee is, in fact, the polar opposite of New York in that respect and just about every other respect; and

WHEREAS, due to the preponderance of conservative thought and action in the Volunteer State, our economy is booming, with new jobs being added and new houses being built every day, because Tennessee is a place where people want to live, free of high taxes, big government, and obnoxious New York attitudes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hannity is an avid fisherman, and Tennessee offers an abundance of rivers, streams, and lakes stocked with a wide variety of species to appeal to anglers of every specialty and ability; and

WHEREAS, for these and many other reasons too numerous to mention, but including the Smoky Mountains, Grand Ole Opry, and Beale Street, Tennessee is a far superior state to New York, Florida, or Texas, and Sean Hannity should seriously consider making the Volunteer State his new home away from socialism; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby urge and encourage Sean Hannity and all other like-minded New Yorkers to quit the noisy and expensive confines of the Big Apple and the heavy tax burden of the Empire State and relocate to Tennessee where taxes are low, government is small, fish are biting, and Southern hospitality reigns supreme.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Mr. Hannity.