

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 655

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rip Roaring Adventures on being named the No. 1 Family-Friendly Fun Experience in the World.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary businesses that, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable establishment is Rip Roaring Adventures, a family-owned and -operated business in Hartford; and

WHEREAS, Rip Roaring Adventures was recently named the No. 1 Family-Friendly Fun Experience in the World for 2021 on the international tourism-ratings aggregate TripAdvisor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the top Travelers' Choice ranking, Rip Roaring Adventures was also named the No. 3 Water Experience in the World and the No. 11 Overall Experience in America; and

WHEREAS, one of the most rafted rivers in the nation, the Pigeon River floated more than 200,000 commercial guests through the Great Smoky Mountains in 2020; eleven separate companies offer trips on the Upper and Lower Pigeon River, but Rip Roaring Adventures has proven to be fun-loving tourists' favorite in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Rip Roaring Adventures attributes their success to a focus on customer experience and a true passion for whitewater rafting; owner Joe Novotny is a professional raft guide with twenty years' experience, but he says that "treating guests like family" has been equally important to the company's success; and

WHEREAS, when booking a trip with Rip Roaring Adventures, it is more than likely that the check-in will be performed by the business's co-owner, Crystal Novotny, who also happens to be married to Joe Novotny and is convinced that she and her husband have the greatest jobs on earth, because they are always on everyone's vacation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their exemplary customer service and dedication to their clients' experiences, Rip Roaring Adventures partners with several local tourism, lodging, and adventure destinations in the region to guide visitors to a truly authentic Tennessee experience; and

WHEREAS, the team's commitment to showing local explorers and world-traveling tourists alike the best of what the region has to offer has helped propel Rip Roaring Adventures to top rankings worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Rip Roaring Adventures have operated their award-winning business with expertise and integrity, and they are wholly deserving of special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize the owners and staff of Rip Roaring Adventures for their outstanding dedication to providing quality family entertainment, congratulate them on being named the No. 1 Family-Friendly Fun Experience in the World, and extend to them 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.