

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 882

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Eva L. Maddox of Chicago, Illinois.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those citizens who are dedicated, driven professionals and venerated leaders in their fields; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Eva L. Maddox of Chicago, Illinois, a visionary design theorist and practitioner whose career has spanned more than four decades and whose influence on her industry is unparalleled; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, Ms. Maddox grew up in the town of Viola and graduated from McMinnville City High School; she went on to receive her bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati School of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning; and

WHEREAS, her career has spanned context, scale, and program; starting in the mid-1970s with the design of multiple record label interiors, Eva Maddox founded Eva Maddox Associates in 1992; it was that same year that she was inducted into the Interior Design Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Maddox remained principal of her eponymous company through 2001, at which point the company merged with Perkins+Will, the international architectural practice from which she retired in 2016; and

WHEREAS, perhaps most noted for coining and putting into practice the concept of "branded environments," Eva Maddox has focused on realizing spaces and experiences that specifically responded to the needs—or brand—of her clients; much of her design has revolved around a research-based approach that is inherently multi-disciplinary; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Maddox has been published in numerous significant journals in her field and has lectured at schools of architecture and design worldwide; she is the co-author of *50*

Under 50: Innovators of the 21st Century and the co-founder of Chicago's Archeworks, a multi-disciplinary design school that provides innovative design solutions for social needs; and

WHEREAS, often duly recognized for her commitment to excellence and her many contributions to her field, Eva Maddox has received more than 100 design excellence awards, including the Contract Legend Award in 2011; she was named the Purpose Prize Fellow in 2007 and 2008 and Chicagoan of the Year in 2001, and she has been awarded an honorary doctorate of fine arts by both the University of Cincinnati and Kendall College of Art and Design; and

WHEREAS, 2017 saw the release of *Eva Maddox: Innovator, Designer, Educator*, a comprehensive monograph penned by Romy Wyllie that traces Ms. Maddox's creative journey from her hometown of Viola and features the evolution of thirty-five major projects—colleges, hospitals, financial institutions, corporate headquarters, museums, showrooms, and more—culminating in a brand strategy and headquarters design for furniture and workspace giant Haworth; and

WHEREAS, though she has transitioned into retirement, Ms. Maddox remains an in-demand speaker and teacher, and she accepts speaking engagements and teaching appointments throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Eva Maddox is a pioneer in her field, a paragon of design whose legacy will continue to inspire for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we recognize Ms. Maddox as one of Tennessee's most outstanding native daughters; 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 honor and commend Eva L. Maddox, a global icon of interior design, and extend to her our best wishes for continued success in all her 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.