

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 961

By Rudd

A RESOLUTION to recognize Pastime Barber Shop and Pool Hall on the occasion of its 120th anniversary.

WHEREAS, family-owned businesses are the very heartbeat of this State, as they provide stability in this ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, one such worthy establishment is the Pastime Barber Shop and Pool Hall in Murfreesboro, which is celebrating 120 years in business this year; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1904, Pastime is the oldest barber shop in Murfreesboro, and its pool hall is the second oldest in the United States; and

WHEREAS, "lowering ears for 120 years," Pastime continues to excel as a "one-stop, family-friendly barber shop"; today, the establishment offers barber and shaving services for men, as well as cuts and color for women; and

WHEREAS, there are many fascinating historical facts and anecdotes centering around Pastime, including its second floor, which burned long ago, that housed The Speakeasy; and

WHEREAS, during the Great Depression, the infamous Al Capone was a frequent Pastime client as he traveled from Chicago to Florida; and

WHEREAS, scenes from the film *Sweet Dreams*, the life story of Patsy Cline, were filmed in front of Pastime in 1985; and

WHEREAS, the pool hall has three tables that are approaching the century mark, including two snooker tables and a nine-ball table, and a patron can play pool the entire day for a mere ten dollars; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Toni Lester and her late husband, Jimmy Lester, bought Pastime from Kyle Matthews, who was only willing to sell the business to a barber; and

WHEREAS, nearly twenty-eight years later, Pastime continues as a family business, as Mrs. Lester's daughter, Paige Bailey, has worked alongside her mother for the past fourteen years, and the other five barbers are treated like family members, even though they may not be related by blood; and

WHEREAS, noted for its quality service, Pastime offers haircuts for only twenty-five dollars, including a free hot-towel neck shave and a free game of pool, a true bargain in these inflationary times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize owner Toni Lester and the other barbers at Pastime Barber Shop and Pool Hall on the occasion of the establishment's 120th anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for another 120 years of operation.

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.