

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1084

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A RESOLUTION to commend Dr. Chandra Reddy for his honorable and astute service to Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated themselves and their careers to providing quality higher education for Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chandra Reddy is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; he has served with distinction as Dean and Director of Research/Administrator of Extension, College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences, at Tennessee State University (TSU) since 2008; and

WHEREAS, in this important position, Dr. Reddy provides vision and dynamic leadership to the land grant mission of TSU and leads and represents the academic departments within the College, the Institute of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Research, the Agricultural Research and Education Centers, and the Cooperative Extension Program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reddy has played an instrumental role in the development and growth of every aspect of the College, and he has been particularly adept at fundraising. During his tenure, TSU received a major gift of cash and real property suitable enough to establish a Center for Sustainable Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reddy received his Ph.D. in Agronomy from the University of Florida, a Master of Science in agronomy from NG Ranga Agricultural University as a University Gold Medalist, and a Bachelor of Science from NG Ranga, graduating First Class with Distinction and as a National Scholar; and

WHEREAS, prior to beginning his illustrious career at TSU, Dr. Reddy served adroitly as the Dean of Graduate Studies at Alabama A&M University; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dr. Reddy was named a Fellow of the Soil Science Society of America and the Food Systems Leadership Institute and as an Outstanding Scientist by the Association of Agricultural Scientists of Indian Origin. He has also served as the keynote speaker and a member of the International Scientific Committee at the International Conference on Environmental Management; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated academic who has earned the respect of his colleagues and the agricultural science community, Dr. Reddy is a member of the Emerging Technologies Life Sciences Advisory Board and the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which advises the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and the U.S. Congress on national agricultural policy matters; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure at TSU, Dr. Reddy has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the greater Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chandra Reddy is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Dr. Chandra Reddy for his honorable and astute service to Tennessee State University as the Dean and Director of Research/Administrator of Extension, College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage, conviction and scientific discipline.

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