

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1154

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Steven Tyler, founder of Janie's Fund and Janie's House.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is musician Steven Tyler, who is the founder of Janie's Fund and Janie's House, which provide assistance to children who have suffered abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, according to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, 73,568 incidents were reported in 2019 and flagged as domestic-related, with juveniles making up 9.8% of the reported victim type; and

WHEREAS, Steven Tyler, recognizing the need to address the issue of abuse and neglect of children, donated \$500,000 of his own money to found Janie's Fund to bring hope and healing to girls who have suffered the trauma of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, also recognizing the need for a safe home for young girls experiencing and recovering from abuse, Mr. Tyler partnered with Youth Villages to found Janie's House in Bartlett, the first in the State; and

WHEREAS, Janie's House hosts fourteen girls at a time and provides support and therapy for a total of twenty-six to thirty victims of abuse each year; and

WHEREAS, Steven Tyler epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize Mr. Tyler for his philanthropic efforts at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Steven Tyler for establishing Janie's Fund and Janie's House in Bartlett, thank him for his philanthropic initiative to care for those children who are victims of abuse, and extend to him 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.