

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1165

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A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Eddie Mannis for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Eddie Mannis of Knoxville is one such distinguished public servant, who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Representative Mannis has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic life of Knox County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Mannis has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 18<sup>th</sup> House District, whom he has served as a member of the 112<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service, Eddie Mannis has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, born on April 14, 1959, Representative Mannis is a highly regarded entrepreneur, a first-generation business owner, and a member of the Baptist faith; and

WHEREAS, an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Eddie Mannis has rendered sterling service as a member of the House Commerce Committee, the House Education Instruction Committee, the House Local Government Committee, the House Business and Utilities Subcommittee, the

House Elections and Campaign Finance Subcommittee, and the House Banking Committee of the Third Extraordinary Session; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Mannis has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in their community, which he has demonstrated through his participation as founder and chair of HonorAir Knoxville; founder of Project Classroom; co-founder of Knoxville's Art in Public Places; chair of Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority; past chair of Zoo Knoxville Board of Directors and University of Tennessee Chancellor's Associates; member of the board of directors of Covenant Health, Free Medical Clinics of America, and Knoxville Chamber of Commerce; former board member of Visit Knoxville; member of Leadership Knoxville 2006 and Leadership Tennessee 2017; and former chief operating officer and deputy mayor of the City of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Representative Mannis is an East Tennessee Business Hall of Fame inductee and a recipient of the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award, the Service to Mankind Award from the Knoxville Sertoma Club, the Community Excellence Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Generations of Service Award from the Medal of Honor Society, the Lifetime of Service Award from the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the PBS Be More Award; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Eddie Mannis has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Representative Eddie Mannis 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 for his exemplary tenure in the General Assembly; 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 hereby honor Representative Eddie Mannis for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless

contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 18<sup>th</sup> House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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.