

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1177

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to honor Realizing Robertson's Future upon its receipt of the Robertson County Chamber of Commerce Education Partner Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those consummate businesses and industries that come together to enhance the quality of education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable enterprise is Realizing Robertson's Future, which has been awarded the prestigious Education Partner Award by the Robertson County Chamber of Commerce to recognize the organization's extraordinary contribution to the mission of the Chamber's Robertson Education Initiative (REdI); and

WHEREAS, the award's first recipient, Realizing Robertson's Future, is a partnership of more than fifty public and private investors who have committed over \$1.2 million for a program of work designed to enhance the future growth and economic development of Robertson County; and

WHEREAS, among the main areas of emphasis for Realizing Robertson's Future are workforce development and support for public education with a goal of facilitating a multi-faceted partnership between the business community and Robertson County schools, implementing programs that benefit students, businesses, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Realizing Robertson's Future investors are the primary funding source for the work of REdI and provide money to employ a full-time director, support the Renaissance incentive programs at every high school, distribute the annual Making A Difference awards given to educators in each of the five school clusters, and build seed money for a new program

that will emphasize the importance of ACT scores among Robertson County's high school students; and

WHEREAS, the individuals and businesses that comprise Realizing Robertson's Future include: Allegra Print & Imaging, Atwood Mobile Products, Bath Fitter, Better Block, Betty Moore, Brown, Brown & Associates, Budweiser of Clarksville, Burnett Builders, ByrneAllen Corporation, Center Star, Century 21 – Robertson County, City of Portland, City of Springfield Electric Department, City of White House, Commerce Union Bank, Credit Union for Robertson County, Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation, Cunningham Motors, Dee Cee Laboratories, Dennis Wade CPA, Draughon Brothers, Electrolux, F & M Bank, Fred M. Smith & Son, G.S. Moore, Goodman & Walker, Gupton Motors, Hampton Inn – Springfield, Hometown Financial, McCauley Aviation, Bill McKinney, NHC HealthCare Springfield, NorthCrest Medical Center, Payne Chevrolet, Pearson Excavating, Neil and Jo Petersen, Physician Partners Group, Rankin Fabrication, Regions Bank, Richert & Dilliha, Riley Brothers Farms, Robertson County Animal Clinic, Robertson County Association of Realtors, Robertson County Funeral Home, Silver Spring Capital, Southside Drugs, Springfield Glass, The Farmers Bank, The JDB Group/Emergency Restoration Company, The Realty Group, Volunteer State Bank, and Wylie Steel Fabricators; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee members of Realizing Robertson's Future include: Rob DeBerry, NorthCrest Medical Center, Chairman; Ann Schneider, The Farmers Bank; Tim Chowning, F & M Bank; Robert Gardner, City of Springfield Electric Department; Jackie Guthrie, Draughon Brothers; Brandi Locke, Physician Partners Group; Ron DeBerry, Commerce Union Bank; Donnie Hogan, Fred M. Smith & Son; Mike Norton, Electrolux; David Payne, Payne Chevrolet; George Wallace, Wylie Steel Fabricators; Troy Pearson, Pearson Excavating; Randy Riley, Riley Brothers Farms; and Lee Smith, Better Block; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that this body specially recognizes such an extraordinary organization and its service to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor Realizing Robertson's Future upon its receipt of the Robertson County Chamber of Commerce Education Partner Award and extend to it 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.