

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1255

By Marsh

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Shelbyville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pride in recognizing those service organizations that strive to make their respective communities even better places to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Shelbyville, founded on May 1, 1922, in Shelbyville, is the city's largest service organization; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is a worldwide service organization founded in Chicago in 1905 that currently consists of 1.4 million professional and business-leader members in more than 46,000 clubs around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Shelbyville has generously contributed to educational initiatives within the community, including the Adult Education Center, the Dictionary Project, and Rotary Career Day; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Shelbyville, along with the Shelbyville Lions Club, sponsored the first Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration in 1939; this trailblazing event grew into today's Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, which crowns the World Grand Champion in Shelbyville each year; and

WHEREAS, James L. Bomar, Jr., of Shelbyville served as Rotary International President in 1979-1980 and initiated a five-year program to administer the polio vaccine during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, the success of this program resulted in the creation of Polio Plus, an initiative that has grown over the years to make Rotary the largest private-sector contributor to the World Health Organization's campaign for global polio eradication; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Shelbyville established the first Interact Club in the district under the leadership of James L. Bomar, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Shelbyville has enjoyed strong leadership over the years and produced several District Governors for District 6780, including Webb Follin, James L. Bomar, Jr., Franklin Yates, C. Morgan Lorange, and William Hackemann; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Shelbyville has sponsored four Rotary Clubs in the district and helped with the organization and chartering of Rotary Clubs in Fayetteville, Lynchburg, and Eagleville and the Shelbyville Breakfast Rotary Club; 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 commemorate and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Shelbyville, thank our Shelbyville Rotarians for their "Service Above Self," and congratulate them upon the Centennial Anniversary events they have planned for 2022.

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.