

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1258

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Western Governors University Tennessee on the occasion of its fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, higher education for adult learners is vital to Tennessee's workforce and the prosperity of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Western Governors University Tennessee (WGU Tennessee) was established five years ago to expand access to higher education in alignment with Governor Bill Haslam's Drive to 55 initiative; and

WHEREAS, WGU Tennessee's sustained growth has resulted in a 420-percent increase in enrollment since the university's launch in 2013, making it the fastest-growing private, nonprofit college in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, WGU Tennessee has stayed true to its mission of expanding access to higher education, with active students in ninety-two out of ninety-five counties and more than fifty partnerships with employers across the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, WGU Tennessee has awarded more than \$1.5 million in scholarships in five years; and

WHEREAS, WGU Tennessee has become the fifth-largest private college in the State of Tennessee, with more than 4,000 students enrolled across the State and 2,750 degrees conferred; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Western Governors University Tennessee on the occasion of its fifth anniversary and applaud its mission to encourage Tennesseans to recognize

the importance of lifelong learning to our state's workforce development and its continuing efforts to urge Tennesseans—adult learners and traditional students alike—to pursue higher education.

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