

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1275

By Crawford

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Food City.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing those businesses that offer the finest products at the lowest prices supplemented by the most dedicated customer service; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, Food City, a supermarket chain serving Northeast Tennessee and the region, has provided top-quality products and exceptional services to its customers and made many valuable contributions to the region; and

WHEREAS, the first Food City store opened in 1918 in Greeneville; the company is now owned by K-VA-T (Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee) Food Stores, which was established in 1955; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Food City has steadily expanded into new market areas while remodeling and replacing existing locations to ensure a clean, fun, and engaging shopping experience; in recent years, Food City has also opened more than 100 pharmacy locations and more than eighty fuel stations; and

WHEREAS, Food City cultivates strong relationships with local farmers, ensuring that fresh fruits and vegetables are delivered directly to stores on the same day they are harvested; Food City also serves as a distributor for many beloved local brands, such as Kay's Ice Cream and Terry's Classic Snacks; and

WHEREAS, as the second-longest active sponsor of NASCAR, Food City supports two of the most popular NASCAR races in the region, the Food City 500 and the Food City 300 at Bristol Motor Speedway, and raises money for charitable organizations through Family Race Night events; and

WHEREAS, Food City emphasizes and encourages community partnerships, and Food City employees have generously given their time and resources to many local charitable causes and events, including youth athletics, the United Way, food banks, clothing drives, and many other activities to help people in need; and

WHEREAS, Food City has received numerous awards and accolades and has been ranked as one of the top food retailers and privately owned companies in the United States; 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 congratulate the owners, management, and employees of Food City on the occasion of the company's 100th anniversary and commend Food City's legacy of outstanding service to the residents of Northeast Tennessee and communities throughout the region.

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