

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1303

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A RESOLUTION to honor the small businesses of Tennessee and the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) on its seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of the economy and create a vast array of goods, services, and jobs throughout Tennessee and across America; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the United States (15 U.S.C. 631) recognize that encouraging and developing the capacity of small business is essential to the free market competition upon which the economic well-being and security of the nation depend; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1943, the National Federation of Small Business was created to represent the interests of thousands of small businesses; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 1949, the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) succeeded to the work of the National Federation of Small Business; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, NFIB has been headquartered in Nashville, where its many employees have offered administrative and support services to its State and federal public policy teams and sales functions; and

WHEREAS, NFIB has expanded to represent hundreds of thousands of small and independent businesses, including many in Tennessee, and has advanced our citizens' ability to own, operate, and grow their businesses; and

WHEREAS, NFIB ensures that the governments of the United States and the fifty states hear the voice of small business as they formulate public policies; and

WHEREAS, the small and independent businesses and the people of Tennessee have benefitted from the work of NFIB for three-quarters of a century; 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 on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the National Federation of Independent Business, we specially honor and recognize the excellent work of the NFIB on behalf of the small and independent businesses of this State and extend our best wishes for the continued success of NFIB in the future.

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