

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1323

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Gig City Girls for its outstanding commitment to furthering STEM education for young women throughout Hamilton County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those exemplary educational organizations that have made significant contributions, through an abiding commitment to excellence, to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, Gig City Girls is one such noteworthy organization committed to providing STEM education exposure, access, and opportunities to girls throughout Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County educators Michelle Bettis, Nikki Russell, and Stephanie Montgomery founded Gig City Girls in 2018 through the Public Education Foundation's Teacherpreneur program and launched district coding clubs in participating schools; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Gig City Girls, the teachers of Hamilton County Schools have been equipped with a number of new resources, including engaging lessons, activities, and a classroom kit for every level of expertise to facilitate club meetings; and

WHEREAS, in addition to celebrating a "Coder of the Month" to encourage female students to aspire to a STEM career, Gig City Girls meetings explore the potential STEM career paths and foster a connection to real-world job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Gig City Girls is well supported throughout the community, partnering with several local organizations and businesses in their efforts to provide coding and STEM resources and girls' coding clubs to Hamilton County Schools; and

WHEREAS, with as many as twenty-eight participating schools throughout Hamilton County, Gig City Girls is dedicated to nurturing an understanding of STEM and the skills and

confidence of young women to utilize technology and solve problems by exposing them to essential skills in coding, robotics, and STEM; and

WHEREAS, Gig City Girls continues to inspire and pave the way for young women, while also honoring those female Hamilton County graduates who have made significant feats in IT, computer science, and STEM fields; and

WHEREAS, Gig City Girls is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Gig City Girls for its outstanding commitment to furthering STEM education for young women throughout Hamilton County and extend to them our best wishes for much 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.