

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8015 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize The Peanut Shop in Nashville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary businesses that, through an abiding commitment to excellence, are a credit to their communities and this State; and

WHEREAS, The Peanut Shop in Nashville is one such extraordinary establishment deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, serving roasted nuts to the Music City in the Arcade since 1927, The Peanut Shop was originally a home to Planters peanuts. In 1960, Planters closed its 2,000 stores, which led to the founding of The Peanut Shop; the shop is one of only four of the original Planters locations that continue to operate today; and

WHEREAS, in December 1989, Kathy Bloodworth purchased The Peanut Shop and was fortunate to meet the shop's original owner, John Saunders; she now operates the business with her sister, Olivia Swallows; and

WHEREAS, although The Peanut Shop is no longer affiliated with Planters, the shop showcases Mr. Peanut and Planter peanut memorabilia as well as other pieces of The Peanut Shop's rich history in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the products are weighed with over-under scales that have been used since the 1930s, and the ceiling still has peanut-themed wallpaper that Planters created for all of their retail shops; in addition, an original peanut roaster, known as Little Bertha, is still kept in the shop; and

WHEREAS, for more than ninety years, The Peanut Shop has served fresh roasted nuts and other delicious treats in the Music City, and we are proud to honor this outstanding business; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize The Peanut Shop in Nashville and commend Kathy Bloodworth and Olivia Swallows for their tireless dedication to quality, extending to them our best wishes for continued success in all of their future endeavors.

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.