

HOUSE RESOLUTION 5

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Tennessee recycling industry and the members of the Tennessee Scrap Recyclers Association and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries.

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been essential to keep Tennessee's manufacturing industry operational; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's manufacturing industry is a leader in the production of steel, paper and paper products, electronics, aluminum, plastics, textiles, tires, and glass, and continues to produce these materials and products essential to the citizens of Tennessee, the United States, and the world; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's manufacturers must have a constant and reliable supply of raw materials in order to produce these materials and products; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's manufacturers would not have access to their needed raw materials without the collection, processing, and manufacturing of recyclable and recovered materials into raw materials by Tennessee's recycling industry; and

WHEREAS, performing essential work, Tennessee's recyclers have followed all appropriate and required protocols during the pandemic, and as a result, have operated safely, protecting their employees and customers; and

WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, hundreds of thousands of tons of valuable recyclable materials, such as automobiles, scrap metal, electronics, paper, glass, plastics, rubber, and textiles, have been kept out of Tennessee's landfills and have been manufactured into valuable raw materials; and

WHEREAS, those raw materials have been used by manufacturers in Tennessee and throughout the world to manufacture products ranging from toilet paper, to ventilators, to new automobiles; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's recycling industry has provided used auto parts for reuse, allowing Tennessee's citizens to safely and economically repair their automobiles and maintain reliable transportation throughout the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's recycling industry has collected, sorted, and reclaimed plastic products and packaging, which could be used as feedstock to manufacture products that enhance hygiene and sanitation, such as disposable hospital gowns and garbage bags; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's recycling industry has continued to collect and recycle scrap tires, protecting public health and the environment, and producing valuable rubber products, such as those used in vital infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's recycling industry has collected, sorted, processed, and delivered recovered fiber to paper, containerboard, and paperboard mills to be used in manufacturing essential products, including tissue products, pulp used in diapers and other personal hygiene products, papers for communication and education, building/construction products, and packaging for food, beverages, foodservice, cleaning supplies, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, and other essential consumer products; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we honor the Tennessee recycling industry and its many businesses and employees on continuing their necessary work in the production and manufacture of goods and products in Tennessee and throughout the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Tennessee Scrap Recyclers Association and the Institute of

Scrap Recycling Industries for their role in maintaining the economic vitality of the supply chain for Tennessee's manufacturers and their employees.

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