

HOUSE RESOLUTION 163

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A RESOLUTION to honor the legacy of Steed College.

WHEREAS, established in July 1940, Steed College was a private college originally founded as Elizabethton School of Business by Dr. C.C. Steed and his wife, Mollie Marable Steed; and

WHEREAS, the school was originally located on Elk Avenue over the Ritz Theater in Elizabethton, and the founders had in mind a broad field of general and cultural training as well as vocational preparation for business and industry; and

WHEREAS, rapidly expanding its programs, the school was offering Associate of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees by 1945; the school relocated the following year to the Harold McCormick School building on Cedar Street and changed its name for a second time to the Elizabethton College of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Class of 1949 was the first to graduate with Bachelor of Science degrees; in 1950, Dr. and Mrs. Steed purchased property north of Johnson City, where an academic building was constructed, followed by a combination dormitory and library building, which was later remodeled for use as offices and a library facility; and

WHEREAS, the new relocation gave the school a centralized location but also required another name change as the school became known as the Steed College of Technology before the named was changed for the final time as Steed College; and

WHEREAS, Steed College was accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the Association of Independent Colleges and Schools and recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Education officially recognized this association as the national accrediting agency for postsecondary and collegiate special purpose institutions predominantly organized to train students for business careers; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Steed College was granted a charter by the State of Tennessee as a nonprofit institution of higher education with control vested in a Board of Trustees; Dr. Steed was the first president and his wife was the first treasurer, with Professor C.E. Rogers serving as the first academic dean; and

WHEREAS, Steed College offered Associate of Science and Bachelor of Science degree programs in Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Technology, Data Processing, Engineering, Fashion Merchandising, Marketing, Medical Assistant, Personnel Management, and Secretarial Administration; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, Howard S. Steed, son of the founders, took over leadership of Steed College with his sister, Sarah Steed Byars, who served as treasurer; centers were established in Kingsport and Elizabethton along with various satellite locations; and

WHEREAS, after forty-two years of continuous service to the citizens of East Tennessee, Steed College ceased operation on September 9, 1982; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and pay tribute to the legacy of Steed College, reflecting respectfully on its decades of educational service to the citizens of East Tennessee.

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