

HOUSE RESOLUTION 185

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A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Micah Cost on receiving the 2022 Distinguished Service to Pharmacy Award.

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives take great pleasure in recognizing a dedicated professional who believes strongly in the importance of health and wellness and works with purpose and commitment to create a safer, healthier, and more sustainable future for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Micah Cost, PharmD, MS, was recently honored with the 2022 Distinguished Service to Pharmacy Award by his alma mater, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC); and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville who received his bachelor's degree from Lipscomb University, Dr. Cost followed in his father's footsteps to become a second-generation pharmacist; and

WHEREAS, Micah Cost earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the UTHSC College of Pharmacy and holds a master's degree in pharmaceutical outcomes and health policy from the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, a seasoned healthcare association executive, Dr. Cost currently serves as the chief executive officer of the Pharmacy Quality Alliance, heading up the Alliance's work to improve medication safety, adherence, and appropriate use, develop and implement quality measures, conduct research, and provide education that supports better medication use and high-quality care; and

WHEREAS, after first serving as the Tennessee Pharmacists Association's (TPA) director of professional affairs, he then ably represented pharmacists and pharmacy professionals across all practice settings in the State as executive director of TPA; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cost served as board president of the Alliance for Patient Medication Safety, a federally registered patient safety organization focused on continuous quality improvement within the pharmacy community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Cost has given back to his profession by serving in leadership positions with numerous associations and coalitions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cost is the current chair of the American Pharmacists Association's Policy Committee and previously served as a board member of the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations and as president of the Tennessee Society of Association Executives; he also served his alma mater as a member of the board of directors for the UTHSC College of Pharmacy Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cost has had the privilege of delivering more than 100 educational programs, presentations, and lectures covering a variety of different discussion topics to thousands of individuals with diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Micah Cost is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of fifteen years, Kyle; and

WHEREAS, a healthcare executive of uncommon honesty and integrity, Dr. Micah Cost is richly deserving of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Micah Cost , PharmD, MS, on his receipt of the 2022 Distinguished Service to Pharmacy Award from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his 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.