

HOUSE RESOLUTION 276

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Greene Technology Center on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure that this General Assembly pauses to recognize the fortieth anniversary of one of its premier centers of vocational and technological learning, the Greene Technology Center, which has contributed greatly to the preparation of the workforce of Tennessee's northeastern industrial corridor; and

WHEREAS, planning for the establishment of the Greene Technology Center began in earnest in 1969; and

WHEREAS, in May of 1971, an Appalachian Regional Commission grant in the amount of \$1.16 million provided for the construction and equipping of a vocational training institution in Greeneville, and approximately one-third of that amount was subsequently appropriated to the school systems of the City of Greeneville and of Greene County for the joint operation of the new school, which was named Greeneville-Greene County Vocational High School. Its inaugural school year was 1973-1974; and

WHEREAS, vocational directors who have overseen the school's career and technical education programs have included Charles Edwards, Floyd Sellers, Jerry Renner, and Jerry Ayers; and

WHEREAS, in a move to more accurately reflect the evolving nature and widespread computerization of the workplace and trends in workforce development, the school's name was changed to Greeneville-Greene County Vocational Technical Center in 1982; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, the name was again changed to Greeneville-Greene County Center for Technology to emphasize the burgeoning realm of technology in the workplace and

the quest of the school's governance to prepare a Twenty-First Century workforce for the region's businesses and industries; and

WHEREAS, in school years 1996-1997 and 1998-1999, the Greeneville-Greene County Center for Technology Advisory Committee was named as an Outstanding Advisory Council by the Tennessee Vocational Association, a reflection of the multiple partnerships the school has maintained with local stakeholders in the corporate and public sectors of business; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Greeneville-Greene County Center for Technology joined with Walters State Community College to provide adult classes and workforce training; and

WHEREAS, the current name, Greene Technology Center, was adopted in 2012 and exemplifies the institution's commitment to becoming an environment-sustaining training setting which leads the way in environment-friendly business practices and developing a green-minded workforce for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Greene Technology Center became a satellite center for the Tennessee Technology Center in Morristown in 2013, offering adult classes in welding and machining with more such courses to come; and

WHEREAS, for forty years, the Greene Technology Center has been an integral component of workforce development in northeast Tennessee. With wise leadership and visionary advisement, it has provided multiple pathways for students to gain certifications and prepared students for post-secondary opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body pause and recognize the illustrious forty-year history of the Greene Technology Center as its student body, faculty, administrators, and other stakeholders celebrate the institution's anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize the Greene Technology Center on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary and extend our best wishes to the students, faculty, and administrators of that esteemed institution for 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.