

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tuftco Corp. on the celebration of its sixtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we recognize those exemplary businesses that, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable business is Tuftco Corp., which recently celebrated its sixtieth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary endeavor was originally established in 1960 as Southern Machine Company and supplied the carpet mill industry with the necessary equipment to turn yarn into carpet; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Jack Frost and his partners, Bud Cobble and Lewis Card, merged Southern Machine Company with two other companies to form Tuftco Corp., which is now led by CEO Steve Frost, Mr. Frost's son, and solely owned by the Frost family, who purchased it from a New York investment company in 1984; and

WHEREAS, carefully reinvesting the profits back into the company through technology, computerization, and exports, Tuftco Corp. has continued to grow over the past sixty years and now supplies machinery in the areas of soft-surface flooring, rugs, and artificial turf to customers in forty different countries around the globe; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize Tuftco Corp. on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the owners and employees, past and present, of Tuftco Corp. for their tireless dedication to their customers and community, congratulate them

on the business's sixtieth anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

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.