

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 55

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Thomas Zacharia on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Zacharia is one such estimable person, who has rendered sterling service for thirty-five years at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) and will soon be taking his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, since 2017, Dr. Zacharia has served as the director of ORNL, which is our nation's largest science and energy laboratory, having reached the top position at the facility thirty years after he began his employment there as a postdoctoral researcher; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zacharia accepted a staff position with ORNL several years after his arrival and rapidly gained the respect and admiration of his peers, playing an integral role in numerous projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments at ORNL include the establishment of the Materials Modeling and Simulation Group and the creation of the Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility, the latter of which occurred during his tenure as Deputy Associate Laboratory Director for High Performance Computing; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zacharia also played a key role in the expansion of collaborative efforts between ORNL and the University of Tennessee, which has led to a new partnership and the establishment of the National Institute for Computational Sciences and the UT-Oak Ridge Innovation Institute; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Zacharia has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Thomas Zacharia our heartfelt  
wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every 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 and upon proper request made to  
the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear  
without House or Senate designation.