

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 119

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Motlow State Community College on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should honor those worthy institutions that provide a stellar education to the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Motlow State Community College is one such estimable institution of higher education that is worthy of the respect and commendation of this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1969, Motlow State Community College first opened its doors to 551 students with only twenty-five faculty members who served in seven counties; and

WHEREAS, now in its fortieth year, Motlow State Community College serves as the primary community college for more than 440,000 residents who comprise its eleven-county service area, which encompasses 4,500 square miles, making it the second largest geographical area among community colleges in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the counties included in this service area are the counties of Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, DeKalb, Franklin, Lincoln, Moore, Rutherford, Van Buren, Warren, and White; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished institution has expanded from its original campus in Moore County to include permanent facilities in Lincoln, Rutherford, and Warren counties; and

WHEREAS, the college continues to experience record enrollment, exceeding 4,300 credit students and 202 full-time faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, Motlow State Community College recently received reaffirmation for accreditation from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

WHEREAS, it continues in its commitment to the core mission of the community college, which includes providing degree programs for students who plan to transfer to upper-division colleges and universities; offering degree and non-degree programs in business, industry, government, early childhood education, and health professions designed to develop immediate job preparedness and competence to students who do not plan to transfer; and providing public service, lifelong learning, and workforce development programs, all the while promoting personal enrichment as well as economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, Motlow State Community College plays a vital role in the economic and community development of its service area through partnerships with business, industry, and government, and through providing training opportunities to the workforce; it also contributes significantly to the economic stability of this service area by generating an economic impact of more than \$50 million; and

WHEREAS, for forty years, Motlow State Community College has positioned itself as a proactive, premier institution by continually seeking new academic programs and partnerships with Tennessee Technology Centers, area high schools, industries, and universities that permit students to earn college credits and degrees through a community college; and

WHEREAS, during this same period of time, this fine institution has served its community and embraced its mission to “enrich and empower its students and the community it serves,” and for noteworthy contribution to this great State, Motlow State Community College should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Motlow State Community College for forty years of dedicated service to the State of Tennessee, extending our gratitude for the significant impact the College continues to have on the citizens of Tennessee, and wishing the faculty, staff, and students every success in the future.

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