

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 203

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A RESOLUTION to designate April 2013 as "Landscape
Architecture Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the profession of landscape architecture significantly enriches the quality of life enjoyed by Tennesseans and visitors to this state; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects, through thoughtful planning and design and careful stewardship of this state's land and water resources, serve to preserve, protect, and conserve Tennessee's scenic beauty, unique and fragile ecosystems, and abundant natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the profession of landscape architecture enhances the built environment through skillful and artful creation of safe, functional, accessible, secure, and aesthetically pleasing public and private places; and

WHEREAS, the profession of landscape architecture encompasses the analysis, planning, design, management, and stewardship of the natural and built environments through a broad and diverse spectrum of projects, including urban design, streetscapes and public spaces, transportation corridors and facilities, security design, greenways, parks and recreation facilities, monuments, historic preservation and restoration projects, corporate and commercial construction, institutional projects, academic campuses, conservation and reclamation projects, landscape art and earth sculpture, gardens and arboreta, interior landscapes, and residential projects; and

WHEREAS, excellence in the practice of professional landscape architecture is promoted through a graduate program offered through the University of Tennessee and is regulated under the Department of Commerce and Insurance through the Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners; and

WHEREAS, Landscape Architects, both in the public and private sector, help shape development in Tennessee and, because of their dedication to the community, donate their time to serve the community in many ways; and

WHEREAS, the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Landscape Architecture Foundation have joined together across the country to sponsor National Landscape Architecture Month with the theme, “2013: Year of Public Service” and will strive to promote the profession to the general public to help feed the growing need for landscape architects; and

WHEREAS, the profession of landscape architecture serves a unique and vital role in the development of sustainable industries in Tennessee, which contribute tens of millions of dollars annually to the state’s economy; and

WHEREAS, April includes the birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted on April 26, who was America’s first landscape architecture professional, and who with Calvert Vaux designed and oversaw development of New York City’s iconic Central Park; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the General Assembly recognizes and celebrates the valuable and important contributions made by Landscape Architects across the state and hereby designates April 2013 as “Landscape Architecture Month” in Tennessee and requests all citizens to join in this observance.

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