

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 270

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate AARP for sixty years of meritorious service.

WHEREAS, AARP, as a nonprofit, non-partisan organization working to address the needs and quality of life for people 50+ and their families, is continuing the work of its founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, a retired educator who lives by the motto "to serve and not be served"; and

WHEREAS, AARP boasts 38 million members representing all fifty states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands and a membership exceeding 640,000 residents of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the organization supports nearly one million family caregivers throughout Tennessee, including those who care for loved ones while working full time and those who perform long-distance caregiving duties, by providing free resources, workshops, and special events; and

WHEREAS, AARP continues to build relationships with elected leaders across the State, cultivating age-friendly communities, which results in increased transportation options, affordable housing, and additional social inclusion programs, empowering older Tennesseans to age in place; and

WHEREAS, actively, the association is promoting health security in Tennessee by identifying opportunities for fitness, brain health, and lifestyle decisions and increasing access to telehealth in rural communities, which will result in reducing obesity, opioid addiction, and chronic illnesses; and

WHEREAS, AARP's Fraud Watch Network delivers critical alerts and resources to help all Tennesseans avoid becoming victims of scams and is amplified through partnerships with law enforcement and State agencies to fight fraud and elder exploitation; and

WHEREAS, AARP volunteers are trained to facilitate driver safety classes at locations across Tennessee to encourage safe driving practices, and more than 1,800 Tennesseans have completed safety courses to ensure their driving skills remain sharp; and

WHEREAS, the AARP Foundation Tax Aide services, delivered at more than sixty locations across Tennessee by the program's IRS-certified volunteers, who prepared and filed more than 21,000 tax returns in 2018, are available for all Tennesseans regardless of age, income, or membership status; and

WHEREAS, AARP is helping Tennesseans to shatter stereotypes about aging by encouraging people 50+ to pursue new careers and educational opportunities and turn their dreams into real possibilities and join the movement to disrupt aging; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate AARP, its staff, volunteers, and 640,000 members in Tennessee upon the celebration of the association's sixtieth anniversary and commend them for striving to improve the lives of people 50+ and their families throughout Tennessee and the United States of America.

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