

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 367

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A RESOLUTION relative to Somali Heritage Month.

WHEREAS, Tennesseans of Somali origin promote and embrace the moral and ethical values that represent American character, especially in our common legacy and commitment to liberty and freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Somali-American community has enriched Greater Nashville and all of Tennessee through diversity by proactively building bridges between the State's receiving communities and faith-based communities; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life for all Tennesseans is enhanced by the Somali-American community's proactive work with law enforcement and the various other outreach and educational efforts this community offers; and

WHEREAS, all Tennesseans, regardless of their creed, color, or religion, should be valued and respected as members of our society, not only because of their individual humanity, but also for their positive contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, the State of Tennessee, different ethnic communities, business leaders, and nonprofit organizations have worked together to promote a welcoming environment and peaceful coexistence for all people; and

WHEREAS, Somali-Americans, as members of the Tennessee community, support our State's health and vitality through economic, educational, cultural, and civic contributions and leadership; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the many Somali-Americans, both individuals and families, who have chosen the great State of Tennessee as their home and willingly share their rich tradition and culture with their fellow Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with Tennessee's Somali-American community in observing July 2017 as Somali Heritage Month.

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