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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 513

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A RESOLUTION to celebrate February 23, 2018, as "Rotary International Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first, and one of the largest, nonprofit service organizations; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million members in over 35,000 clubs in 200 countries who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote goodwill and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, from literacy and peace to water and health, Rotary clubs and their members are always working to better the world and stay committed to the end; and

WHEREAS, Rotary has been a key player in the fight to eradicate polio worldwide since 1988, helping to immunize more than 2 billion children, and in large part as a result of their efforts, the world stands on the threshold of eradicating this dread disease; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 150 Rotary clubs in communities both large and small across Tennessee, sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad; 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 the members of the Rotary Clubs of Tennessee as they celebrate February 23, 2018, as "Rotary International Day" in Tennessee to commemorate the 113th birthday of Rotary International.

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