

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 622

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Phi Theta Kappa Chapter at Walters State Community College.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we specially recognize those academic student organizations and their advisors whose meritorious achievements are a credit to their institutions and this State; and

WHEREAS, such an exemplary student organization is the 542-member strong chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Walters State Community College, which recently won a number of prestigious honors at the PTK Catalyst, the international convention of Phi Theta Kappa, in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, an academic honor society, Phi Theta Kappa requires every member to have achieved a minimum 3.5 grade point average after completion of at least twelve hours of college credit; and

WHEREAS, the Walters State chapter's special project, "Reconnect the Reconnectors," an effort to welcome adult learners attending college through the Tennessee Reconnect grant program, was honored as the Most Distinguished College Project at both the national and international levels; and

WHEREAS, Walters State was also named a Tennessee Chapter of Light and received the International Five Star Chapter, the highest international honor for a chapter, as well as the International Distinguished REACH Chapter, which recognizes growth; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lisa Eccles and Teresa Smith, the advisors for the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Walters State Community College, were honored as the Distinguished Chapter Advisor Team; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eccles also received the Tennessee Region Horizon Award for her support of Phi Theta Kappa at the state level and was named the Phi Theta Kappa Continued Excellence Advisor, while Ms. Smith received the PTK Advisor Paragon Award, which recognizes excellence in advisors who have served for less than four years; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to excellence exhibited by all the fine individuals affiliated with the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Walters State Community College is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration, and commendation; 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 hereby honor and commend the advisors and members of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Walters State Community College on their meritorious achievements, extending our best wishes for their continued 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.