

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 625

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Youth Town of Tennessee on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary institutions and their remarkable supporters who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are credits to this State; and

WHEREAS, Youth Town of Tennessee is one such outstanding organization, which is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, founded in February of 1962, Youth Town of Tennessee was initially created to be a safe haven for orphans, neglected youth, and children from broken homes; and

WHEREAS, for the past decade, Youth Town and its Christian Residential Treatment Center have been wholly devoted to rehabilitating troubled teens who struggle with alcohol and drug addictions; and

WHEREAS, embodying the unconditional love of the Almighty, Youth Town offers an adventure-based, highly structured environment in which teens can maintain a daily schedule while experiencing the life-changing compassion of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, known as one of the most successful centers in the entire country, Youth Town's groundbreaking programs include complete personal assessments as well individualized treatment and education plans; and

WHEREAS, throughout its illustrious history, Youth Town of Tennessee has been blessed with the guidance and direction of a host of inspirational leaders, including such notable board members as Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Eddie Arnold, Buford Pusser, and former Lieutenant Governor John Wilder; and

WHEREAS, today, this extraordinary organization is led by University of Memphis Hall of Famer and former professional football player Nick Pappas, whose passion for ministering to children and families who are headed for certain destruction is evident to all; and

WHEREAS, for the past half-century, Youth Town of Tennessee has graciously served over 10,000 children from a wide variety of backgrounds with miraculous results; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2012, the people who have devoted their heart, hands, and financial support to assisting these troubled youngsters will join together to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Youth Town at the Jackson Country Club; and

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges Youth Town of Tennessee is one of our finest assets, providing troubled youths and their families with a recovery program that offers true hope for the future, and it is wholly fitting that they be recognized by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the donors, staff, and volunteers of Youth Town of Tennessee on the occasion of that exceptional institution's fiftieth anniversary, commend them on a half a century of exemplary service to Tennessee's youth, and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

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