

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 650

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend MCLinc on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, we take great pride in honoring those exemplary businesses that, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such exceptional business is MCLinc, Materials & Chemistry Laboratory, Inc., in Oak Ridge, which is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, MCLinc was established as a commercial laboratory on April 1, 1998, and its original employees were part of Technical Services, a group that supported uranium enrichment operations at the K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant; and

WHEREAS, initially, the company leased facilities from the U.S. Department of Energy through CROET as part of the Department of Energy's reindustrialization program; and

WHEREAS, the original employee-owners of MCLinc used historical knowledge to support decommissioning and demolition work at the K-25 site in addition to offering their expertise to other commercial and government customers; and

WHEREAS, MCLinc was a true entrepreneurial venture from the beginning, as no government bridging funds were provided to start up the business, and the services it provided early in the decommissioning and demolition process at K-25 have been recognized as valuable contributions to the successful accelerated cleanup program at the facility; and

WHEREAS, over the next twenty-one years, MCLinc was located at the former K-25 site, and new employees that joined the group brought new technical knowledge and expanded service offerings; and

WHEREAS, along with its core competency in uranium chemistry, MCLinc began to serve more clients with services in chemical characterization, industrial hygiene analysis, and industrial forensics; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, MCLinc employees began a search for a new location for the business because the building at K-25 was slated to be torn down as part of the accelerated cleanup of the K-25 site; and

WHEREAS, in August 2018, MCLinc purchased a 41,000 square-foot building located at 161 Mitchell Road in Oak Ridge, and renovations were completed the following April with laboratory operations relocated to the new facility; and

WHEREAS, with the resurgence of interest in nuclear as a clean energy source, MCLinc's core competence in uranium chemistry has become important to many new businesses, a good number of which are located in Oak Ridge, and MCLinc welcomes the opportunity to provide services to these businesses; and

WHEREAS, as the company celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary, MCLinc has acknowledged and is thankful for the many partners who have supported it as customers and friends, holding fast to the idea that good corporate citizenship requires that a company invests some of its profits in the community in which it does business; and

WHEREAS, MCLinc's case investment in community is part of its corporate charter, and as an employee-owned enterprise, it takes great pride in the opportunity to make that investment in Oak Ridge and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its many contributions to the State of Tennessee and our nation, it is most appropriate that we specially recognize MCLinc on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend MCLinc on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary and extend our best wishes for much continued success in its 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.