

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 817

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor Mike and Lindy Gaughan on their receipt of the BEST Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, two such admirable persons are Mike and Lindy Gaughan of Sumner County, the 2021 recipients of the BEST (Businesses Empowering Students and Teachers) Award; and

WHEREAS, the BEST Award is presented annually by the North Central P-16 Council to celebrate the accomplishments of those community leaders, business owners, and entrepreneurs who generously share their knowledge and expertise, advocate, and foster student success in pre-K through postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, led by Volunteer State Community College, the North Central P-16 Council is made up of area secondary school educators, higher education leaders, and businesspeople, whose shared goal is to promote the relationship between education and the value of work, develop a highly trained workforce, and create a culture of lifelong learning by positively impacting student success through awareness, advocacy, and action; and

WHEREAS, the Gaughans' remarkable success as community leaders is directly attributable to their reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and their uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mike and Lindy Gaughan are extremely giving persons who often reach out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and they epitomize the ideal of the reliable friend and neighbor in Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, Mike and Lindy Gaughan are wholly committed to the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mike and Lindy Gaughan upon their receipt of the BEST Award, salute their laudable service to the people of Tennessee, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in all 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.