

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1318

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to honor Eastman on the occasion of the company's 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to commend those exemplary businesses that, through an abiding commitment to excellence, have contributed greatly to this State for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Eastman in Kingsport is one such outstanding business that is celebrating 100 years of dedicated service to the good people of Tennessee this year; and

WHEREAS, in 1920, Eastman Kodak was established by George Eastman, as he focused his attention on the southern region of the U.S. and its forests to find a supply of chemicals for his photographic processes; and

WHEREAS, Eastman became the first manufacturer in the U.S. to develop and commercialize technology that derives chemicals from coal rather than petroleum; the first coal gasification facility began operation in 1983 in Kingsport, and in 1995, the facility was designated a National Historic Chemical Landmark by the American Chemical Society; and

WHEREAS, now a global specialty materials company that produces a broad range of products found in items people use every day, Eastman works with customers to deliver innovative products and solutions while maintaining a commitment to safety and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the company's innovative-driven growth model takes advantage of world-class technology platforms, deep customer engagement, and differentiated application development to grow its leading positions in attractive end-markets, including transportation, building and construction, and consumables; and

WHEREAS, as a globally inclusive and diverse company, Eastman employs approximately 14,500 people around the world and serves customers in more than 100 countries. In 2018, the company generated revenues near \$10 billion; and

WHEREAS, Eastman's commitment to quality was recognized in 1993, when the company received the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award; the following year, Eastman Chemical Company branched off from Eastman Kodak and became an independent corporation; and

WHEREAS, Eastman has been a fixture in the Kingsport community for 100 years, and we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud this outstanding business on this special occasion; 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 honor and commend Eastman upon the celebration of its 100th anniversary and extend our best wishes for many more years of 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.