

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1405

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Tri-Cities Military Affairs Council.

WHEREAS, we take great pride in recognizing those community organizations that seek to serve our active duty military men and women and our military veterans; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is the Tri-Cities Military Affairs Council, which is dedicated to the recognition, encouragement, support, and advocacy for our military and veteran affairs in Northeast Tennessee relative to national defense and economic vitality of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-Cities Military Affairs Council was organized in 2012 at East Tennessee State University, and membership is open to any person, firm, or organization; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Tri-Cities Military Affairs Council are to foster and maintain an appreciation for those who serve as well as those who have served and to educate community, business, and political leaders on the military and veterans and its mission and economic impact; and

WHEREAS, it also seeks to make apparent to military personnel, veterans, and their families that Northeast Tennessee values them as important citizens, friends, and welcome additions to the community; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary organization now boasts a membership of nearly 200 groups, businesses, and individuals, who meet monthly to discuss veteran and community needs, providing assistance both directly and indirectly to any veteran or veteran families; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-Cities Military Affairs Council also offers support to local military recruiters and promotes and enhances Employer Support for the Guard and the Reserve (ESGR); and

WHEREAS, the many events sponsored and hosted by the Tri-Cities Military Affairs Council include the Pearl Harbor Remembrance, Honoring Our Heroes, PTSD and Suicide Awareness Seminar, Wreaths Across America, and Veterans Day parades; and

WHEREAS, recognized as a 501(c)3 organization, the Tri-Cities Military Affairs Council was the first organization in East Tennessee and the second in the State to be honored as a Veterans Administration Community Veterans Engagement Board; and

WHEREAS, the current officers of the Tri-Cities Military Affairs Council are Ernie Rumsby, president; Sergeant Major Cynthia Humphrey, National Guard, vice president; Sam Jones, treasurer; Angela Haire, secretary; Allen Jackson, historian; Lieutenant Colonel Sean Dodge, United States Army, director; Donald Grindstaff, director; William Kilgore, director; Bryan Lauzon, director; Arlene Hensley, director; and Becky Rockwell, director; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we honor such an exemplary organization for their service to their community and the State of Tennessee; 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 the members of the Tri-Cities Military Affairs Council for their distinguished service to our military men and women and their families, and extend 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.