

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1585

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly commend those long-standing organizations that work to promote the commercial success of their communities and this State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy organization is the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce, which is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the primary resource for business and the catalyst for community development in the Kingsport area, the Chamber works with a comprehensive and diverse community to support, educate, and engage member businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce was officially chartered on May 22, 1947, and for seventy-five years, this membership-based nonprofit organization has been intricately involved in a number of city projects and community developments, most notably serving as the voice and protector of business; and

WHEREAS, under the current leadership of Chief Executive Officer and President Miles Burdine, the organization continues its long tradition of making Kingsport and the surrounding area a great place to work, play, grow, and prosper; and

WHEREAS, a number of special events are planned to celebrate this significant milestone in the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce's history, including a breakfast honoring past board chairs and presidents, a member appreciation affair, a children's event, and a celebratory gala featuring the Symphony of the Mountains Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce has developed a number of award-winning programs to better the community of Kingsport, including the Downtown Concert Series;

Downtown Kingsport Association; Fun Fest; Healthy Kingsport; Keep Kingsport Beautiful; Kingsport Leadership Programs (Leadership Kingsport, PEAK Young Professionals, and S.C.R.E.A.M.! and S.H.O.U.T.! Youth Leadership); Kingsport Office of Small Business Development and Entrepreneurship; Move to Kingsport; Santa Train; Tennessee/Virginia Scholars; and Visit Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce is a vibrant and thriving organization that has a significant and profound impact on Kingsport's economy, culture, and quality of life; 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 commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce and extend to the chamber, its members, and its partners our best wishes for continued success in all 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.