

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1683

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Walters State Community College on being named the Community College of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, and students, have brought honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Walters State Community College is one such exemplary institution, which was recently named the Community College of the Year as part of the Tennessee Board of Regents' annual SOAR Awards; and

WHEREAS, the SOAR Awards annually recognize one community college based on a number of criteria, including the institution's major accomplishments for students and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1970, Walters State Community College has locations in Hamblen County, Sevier County, Greene County, Claiborne County, and Cocke County and offers more than 150 associate degrees and technical certificates; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Dr. Tony Miksa, Walters State Community College has focused on student success, especially during the past two years, and worked diligently to attain measurable and significant increase in student achievement data, support workforce development and workforce readiness partnerships, and develop a comprehensive strategic plan to contribute to state completion goals and system strategic priority areas; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is a tremendous source of pride for the administration, faculty, staff, and students of Walters State Community College and the residents of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Walters State Community College is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration, and commendation; 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 congratulate Walters State Community College on being named the Community College of the Year, salute the school's administration, faculty, staff, and students on this prestigious honor, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

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.