

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1728

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Bryan Daniels, a Top 50 Economic Developer in North America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we recognize those individuals whose vision, ambition, and work ethic are driving forces behind the success of local economies and the economy of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Bryan Daniels, who was recently named a member of the 2022 class of North America's Top 50 Economic Developers by Consultant Connect, a most befitting honor that recognizes his important contributions to Blount County and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, Mr. Daniels has served as the president and chief executive officer of the Blount Partnership, a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization headquartered in Maryville, that provides opportunities for small business, corporate locations, manufacturing, technology commercialization, leisure travel, and corporate retreats; and

WHEREAS, during Bryan Daniels's tenure, Blount County has recruited more than seventy-five new and expanding companies in the areas of research and development, corporate headquarters, manufacturing, and back office support centers; the total capital investment of these companies has exceeded \$4 billion and created more than 12,000 direct new jobs with wages above the average across the State; and

WHEREAS, two crown jewels in the Blount Partnership's recent success are the \$120 million investment from iconic, 150-year-old Smith & Wesson and the addition of Amazon, which has nearly completed construction of two facilities, with a potential third facility in the works; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daniels sees his role at the head of the Blount Partnership as that of a catalyst, who is charged with creating more opportunities for the citizens of Blount County; his

extensive background in state-level and private development, as well as engineering, made him an excellent fit for the job; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many successes, Bryan Daniels has remained a diligent and humble leader who champions teamwork and a sense of community, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daniels's multi-dimensional approach has helped grow Blount County into a national and international economic competitor; and

WHEREAS, a native of Greeneville, Bryan Daniels graduated from East Tennessee State University before ultimately making his home in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daniels's many contributions are helping make Blount County a place where opportunities are readily available, so that young people, including his son, can make a living and a home there if they so choose; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Daniels has devoted his career to improving the economic well-being of Blount County, and it is most fitting that he be recognized at this time; 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 recognize and commend Blount Partnership President and CEO Bryan Daniels upon being named one of North America's Top 50 Economic Developers, extending our best wishes for his 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.