

SENATE RESOLUTION 19

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the citizens of Sweetwater for their community enhancement efforts.

WHEREAS, efforts to strengthen the local economy and improve the quality of life through community-based enhancement projects serve to better the lives of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sweetwater has initiated an ambitious community enhancement plan that, upon its completion, will be utilized and enjoyed by its citizens for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, coordinating their efforts with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Enhancement Program, Sweetwater has sought a matching grant to construct a tourism center, transportation museum, and public restroom facility, with bicycle amenities connecting existing trails and the improvement of areas for educational activities on Hunt Commons; and

WHEREAS, since the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program began providing funds to local communities in 1991, more than \$200 million in grants has been distributed by the Tennessee Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the money has gone to 180 communities across the Volunteer State; local officials have used the funds to build sidewalks, bike and pedestrian trails, and to renovate historic train depots and other transportation-related structures; and

WHEREAS, the impact of some of the projects is primarily local, such as the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway in Martin and the Covington Square Streetscape project, while other projects, such as the 21st Century Waterfront Pedestrian Connection Project in Chattanooga,

the Hotel Halbrook Railroad and Local History Museum, and the wildflowers grown on roadways across the state, can be enjoyed annually by thousands of Tennesseans and tourists; and

WHEREAS, whether large or small, the projects serve the same purposes: improving access and providing a better quality of life for people in the state; and

WHEREAS, in seeking to participate in this most worthwhile community enhancement program, the citizens of Sweetwater have evinced a sense of community pride that can only be categorized as outstanding, thereby earning the praise and approbation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and commend the citizens of Sweetwater for their outstanding efforts to improve their community through their participation in the TDOT Enhancement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.