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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 488  
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION To recognize Mayor Stephen T. West upon being selected as a 2001 honoree for the Academic Letters Awards and an inductee for the Maryville-Alcoa *Daily Times* Wall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Since 1996, the Maryville-Alcoa *Daily Times* has selected outstanding individuals who have been educated in the four area public school systems from which the Academic Letters Awards Winners are honored to be inducted into its Wall of Fame; some past winners have been high-profile figures on the local, regional and national scenes and all have made significant accomplishments within their profession and have provided community and business leadership; and

WHEREAS, At the 16th Annual Academic Letters Awards Banquet at Heritage High School, four new honorees were added to the Wall of Fame; one of those outstanding honorees was Maryville Mayor Stephen T. "Steve" West, a 1965 graduate of Maryville High School and president of West Chevrolet, Inc., Runway Motors, Inc. and West Properties LLC; and

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WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of Tennessee, Steve West was named Southern Industrial Development Council Volunteer of the Year in 1988 and *Time* magazine's Auto Dealer of the Year in Tennessee for 1993; in 1998 he was honored as a National Daily "Point of Light" winner and won the Chevrolet Motor Division's Silver Anniversary Award; and

WHEREAS, Over several years, Mr. West has headed the Airport Motor Mile Dealer Association, the Blount County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Maryville Industrial Board, the Knoxville Better Business Bureau, the Blount County Industrial Development Board, the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, and the Phi Sigma Kappa Housing Association at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mayor West has served as a member of the University of Tennessee Chancellor's Associates and the Motor Vehicle Commission of the State of Tennessee; he is president of New Dimension Insurance Group, Inc.; the Tennessee Executive Director of the National Auto Dealers Association; founder of First Wheels - DHS support program; a member of the University of Tennessee President's Club, a director of the Horizon Foundation at the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and a graduate of Leadership Blount; and

WHEREAS, A fifth generation member of the First United Methodist Church of Maryville, Steve West enjoys the love and support of his wife, Ruth, and their sons, Charles and Russ; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly is pleased to honor those citizens who during their years of work have made outstanding contributions to this State on behalf of their community and all Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mayor Stephen T. "Steve" West for being named as an Academic Letters Awards honoree and being inducted into the Maryville-Alcoa *Daily Times* Wall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we thank Mayor West for his many years of outstanding and exemplary service as a leader in business, local government and community service, and for serving as a superlative role model for our youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Steve and Ruth West our heartiest wishes for every success and happiness in the future.

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