

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1066
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative John Arriola on his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative John Arriola's illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2002 Session of the 102nd General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, Representative Arriola has for many years been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1990, the good people of House District 53 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of John Arriola by electing him as their representative to the General Assembly, a position in which he has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his six terms and twelve years in the House of Representatives, Representative Arriola has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, Representative Arriola is a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he has made as a member of the Health and Human Resources Committee; the Commerce Committee; the Small Business Subcommittee; the Human Services and Mental Health Subcommittee; the Health Access Subcommittee, which he has adroitly served as Chairman; the TennCare Oversight Committee in 1995; the Child Care Study Committee of 1997; and the Home and Community Based Services Study Committee of 1997; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, John Arriola was elected Assistant Majority Leader by the Democratic Caucus, and he has served with distinction in that important leadership position; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges of citizenship, Representative Arriola has served as a valuable member of many civic and governmental organizations, including the Water Submetering and Aerobic Wastewater Treatment Committee; the Nursing Home Quality Care Incentive Plan Advisory Panel, to which he was appointed by Fredia S. Wadley, M.D. Commissioner of Health; the Tennessee Improving Patient Safety Steering Committee; the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. Board of Directors; the Creative Homes Initiative Task Force; the Senior Citizens Inc. Board of Directors; and the Center for Independent Living Transportation Coalition; and

WHEREAS, for his seemingly limitless dedication to public service, Representative John Arriola has received numerous awards and accolades, including being named the Tennessee Association of Human Resource Agencies Legislator of the Year, 1998; Tennessee Development District Association Legislator of the Year, 1998; Tennessee Association for Home Care Legislator of the Year, 1998; Mid-Cumberland Resource Agency Homemaker Association

Representative of the Year, 1998; and receiving Tennessee Association of Homes and Services for the Aging Distinguished Professional Service Award, 1998; MANNA Organization Mickey Leland Award, 1998; Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Jane Kennedy Award, 1998; and the Alzheimer's Association Standing By Us Award, 2000; and

WHEREAS, a native of Davidson County, Representative Arriola is a graduate of Glenclyff High School and the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, during his career in business and politics, he has ably served as the Vice President of the Nashville Memorial Hospital, Vice President of the Community Health Services Home Health Care Company, and Executive Assistant to Congressman Bob Clement; currently, he operates his family's restaurant, Norman Couser's Country Cooking; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, John Arriola is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Michelle Elliot Arriola, who serves on the Metro Council, representing the 26th District; together, they are the proud parents of two daughters, Jessica Nicole and Katie Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, Representative Arriola's announcement of his retirement from the General Assembly has greatly disappointed and disconcerted his fellow lawmakers, Democrats and Republicans alike, and his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of House District 53; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our friend and colleague Representative John Arriola; 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 Representative John Arriola on his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to John Arriola our best wishes for much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Representative John Arriola as a token of our esteem.