

HOUSE RESOLUTION 275
By Newton

A RESOLUTION to commend and recognize the administration and staff of Arch Chemicals, Inc. for being named a 2001 Edge Zone Employer of the Year for the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to recognize and honor those exemplary corporations that through their extraordinary philanthropic endeavors have improved the quality of life for the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, one such notable institution is Arch Chemicals, Inc., which has recently been honored as one of only six 2001 Edge Zone Employers of the Year for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Arch Chemicals, Inc. is a distinguished participant in the Edge Zone program, which promotes corporate involvement in education, and serves as a premier partner with the Cleveland and Bradley County Education Edge; and

WHEREAS, originally part of the Olin Corporation's Chlor-Alkali center, Arch Chemical's Charleston facility became a separate entity in February of 1999; since that time, Arch

Chemicals, Inc. and its employees have become enthusiastic participants in all Education Edge Zone initiatives and activities; and

WHEREAS, an ideal corporate citizen, Arch Chemicals, Inc. participates in all five major Education Edge Zone activities, volunteering with Teacher Shadowing, Student Job Shadowing, Business and Industry in the Classroom, Teachers Academy, and the Eighth Grade Career Fair; and

WHEREAS, Arch Chemicals, Inc. and its administrators and staff have graciously collaborated with local educators to connect classroom learning to real-world applications; participated in classroom presentations, career fairs, and other school-based learning activities; aided the Cleveland and Bradley Chamber of Commerce in promoting Education Edge Zone programs throughout the county; and donated funds and resources to local schools to improve academics and career development; and

WHEREAS, Arch Chemicals, Inc. also generously serves as a Business and Education Serving Together (BEST) Partner of Walker Valley High School; this phenomenal company works with the high school to improve its science curricula through employees speaking in the classroom, funding of Science Screen Reports, assisting science teachers in attending environmental conferences, and bestowing other monetary donations; and

WHEREAS, Arch Chemicals, Inc. has provided Walker Valley High School's math department with geometric models for geometry classes and mathematics software for Algebra I and II as well as purchased a Ti-Presenter for upper-level math courses; and

WHEREAS, Arch Chemicals, Inc. has openhandedly helped students restore trees and foliage which were displaced by the new school's building construction and has offered career orientation information about their employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Arch Chemicals, Inc. has supported science educator workshops to prepare teachers for hands-on science instruction in the classrooms through the Science Education for Public Understanding Program (SEPUP), which highlights the science

responsible for major social and environmental issues involving chemicals and provides complete modules for instructional use in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Arch Chemicals, Inc. has possessed an unswerving commitment to those time-honored institutions of family and community; its exemplary service to the State of Tennessee epitomizes corporate responsibility and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Arch Chemicals, Inc. upon being named a 2001 Edge Zone Employer of the Year for the State of Tennessee, recognize their steadfast service to Walker Valley High School, applaud their commitment to public service, and extend to them our best wishes for all their future endeavors.

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