

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tennessee Technological University for its prestigious recognition as a “top public school” and one of the “best Southeastern colleges.”

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize and pay tribute to those remarkable educational institutions that have distinguished themselves as leaders in higher learning and academic discipline; and

WHEREAS, for the fifth time, Tennessee Technological University (TTU) has received accolades from *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top public universities in the South and has also gained recognition as one of the forty best universities overall in the Master’s category for the South, which includes both public and private schools; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Technological University has a history of being honored as one of the top public universities in the South, as it was also honored with this distinction in the 2002 and 2003 reports by *U.S. News & World Report*; and

WHEREAS, in this most recent ranking from *U.S. News & World Report*, the astounding TTU tied for eleventh place among the top public universities in the South and tied for thirty-seventh place among the best universities overall; and

WHEREAS, the evaluations for these awards encompass a plethora of criteria such as: peer based assessment, or the opinions of those in a position to judge a school’s academic excellence; student retention based on the proportion of freshmen who return to campus the following year and eventually graduate; faculty resources; student selectivity; graduation rate; and alumni giving percentage; and

WHEREAS, not content to rest upon its laurels, this exceptional school has continued to strive for excellence and has also been honored as one of 136 colleges named “Best in the Southeast” by the *Princeton Review*; and

WHEREAS, the *Princeton Review* strives, “to identify some of the colleges and universities that stand out within each region and, in particular, to raise public awareness of many schools that may not be as well known as they should be”; and

WHEREAS, the *Princeton Review* bases its listings on stringent standards of academic excellence and surveys of current students; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Technological University is also widely renowned for its top ratings, including consistent first-place rankings in the Tennessee Board of Regents annual report card, and this commendable university takes great pride in its superior academic quality and its extensive student satisfaction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate and commend Tennessee Technological University for being recognized as one of the top public universities in the South and as one of the forty best universities overall in the Master’s category by *U.S. News & World Report*, and its great accomplishment as one of 136 colleges named “Best in the Southeast” by the *Princeton Review*. We thank the administrators, faculty, staff and students of Tennessee Technological University for their ongoing commitment to excellence.

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