

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 674

By Hill

A RESOLUTION to celebrate the ninetieth anniversary of the Johnson City Rotary Club.

WHEREAS, the members of this General are proud to recognize those service organizations that possess a rich history of benevolence, serve a vital role in our society, and are a testament to the virtues of integrity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is the Johnson City Rotary Club, which celebrated its ninetieth anniversary on June 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the 165 members of the Johnson City Rotary Club are leaders within their community, and their dedication to serving those in need has garnered attention from far and wide; and

WHEREAS, since first organized in 1917 with twenty-one members, the Johnson City Rotary Club has assisted in the founding of Rotary clubs in Kingsport, Elizabethton, Greeneville, and Unicoi and has proffered its contributions to many local and national organizations, including the Little League, Second Harvest Food Bank, Johnson City's Teachers of the Year, Good Samaritan Ministries, Coalition for the Kids, Children's Advocacy, and the Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, Johnson City Rotarians also held a clothing drive for homeless students, provide scholarships and exchange programs for local students, and sponsor two students' attendance at the Rotary District's Youth Leadership Conference each year; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires Rotarians to provide humanitarian service, live by high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly hereby encourages the citizens of the State of Tennessee to join in this celebration of the ninety years of service given by the Johnson City

Rotary Club and the integral role the organization plays in addressing such issues as poverty, health, hunger, and illiteracy in Johnson City and beyond; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly desires to seize this golden opportunity to honor and recognize the Johnson City Rotary Club; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby celebrate the ninetieth anniversary of the Johnson City Rotary Club and commend its members for their tireless commitment to public service.

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