

HOUSE RESOLUTION 226

By Dean

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the citizens of the City of East Ridge upon the adoption of their official flag.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to join with the cities and counties that comprise this great State in celebrating joyous and historic occasions; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of East Ridge are most assuredly deserving of special recognition, as they recently adopted a new official flag; and

WHEREAS, a flag is an enduring symbol of recognition for a group or an ideal, and the good citizens of East Ridge surely deserve their own symbol; and

WHEREAS, residents of East Ridge voted in 2009 to select an official flag; eighteen citizens submitted designs, and Vice Mayor Tom Card's submission was honored as being chosen as the new symbol of East Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the new flag was raised for the first time at an historic ceremony held on January 6, 2010, attended by U.S. Congressman Zach Wamp, Mayor of East Ridge Mike Steele, numerous city officials, and several proud citizens of the East Ridge community; and

WHEREAS, considered a gateway into Tennessee, East Ridge proudly welcomes travelers, giving a positive first impression of this great State; displaying and flying this flag will not only honor the residents of East Ridge, but also honor all citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the symbolism of this unique flag pays respect to the pioneer pride and history of our great State and the City of East Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the beautiful new flag includes specific symbolism and features the city seal located in a field of blue as well as four stars located in orange, red, white, and blue panels

along the right side of the banner; the field of blue and orange panel were chosen as the city's colors; the red, white, and blue panels with a star located in each color were designed in honor of the three grand divisions of Tennessee; lastly, the lone white star located in the orange panel represents the East Ridge's motto, "Gateway to Tennessee"; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Ridge is one of the great municipalities in Tennessee, and it is most appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor this fine municipality and its citizenry as they commemorate this significant milestone in their historic existence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate the citizens of the City of East Ridge upon the adoption of their new official flag and extend to them our best wishes for continued success, growth, and prosperity in their outstanding community.

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