

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 800

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Wilson Bank and Trust upon the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary businesses and their remarkable employees who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable business is Wilson Bank and Trust of Lebanon, an institution which, for twenty-five years, has provided the good citizens of Middle Tennessee with convenient banking and excellent customer service; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, a group of local businesspeople gathered and, seeking to fill the void created by the departure of two major area banks, filed the letter of intent for the establishment of Wilson Bank and Trust. This event was followed by the notable sale of the first share of stock on February 1, 1987; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 1986, Wilson Bank and Trust opened its doors for the first time to its customers, who were drawn to the bank by its offers of personal and professional banking in a hometown setting; and

WHEREAS, the bank's new Main Office building was opened on January 2, 1988, and, after its first year of business, Wilson Bank and Trust held more than \$40 million in assets, a figure that would grow to \$350 million after ten years of business; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Bank and Trust opened its third office on April 8, 1991, in Watertown, opened its fourth in Gladeville, and acquired half of the newly-organized DeKalb Community Bank in Smithville on April 18, 1996. The bank opened a branch in Trousdale on February 17, 1997, and, in 2006, oversaw the merger of the DeKalb Community Bank with the

Wilson Bank and Trust Community Financial Center, opened a full-service mortgage center in Murfreesboro, and opened branches in both Murfreesboro and Smyrna; and

WHEREAS, perched resolutely at the crossroads of technology and customer service, Wilson Bank and Trust was the first bank in the country to introduce Mainstreet Checking; and

WHEREAS, thanks to astute leadership, the commitment of its staff, and the loyalty of its customers, Wilson Bank and Trust has continued to thrive through every economic challenge in the last twenty-five years and remains a stalwart financial institution in service of its community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the founders, directors, staff and customers of Wilson Bank and Trust for their faithful service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee, congratulate them upon the occasion of the institution's twenty-fifth anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for many years of continued success.

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