

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 730

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Anderson County Economic Development Association on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those exemplary organizations that work with purpose, commitment, and success to bring capital growth and industrial, commercial, and residential development to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Economic Development Association (ACEDA), which celebrated its 50th anniversary on March 28, 2014, is one such worthy organization; originally chartered as the Melton Hill Regional Industrial Association, ACEDA was one of the first industrial recruitment agencies in the southeastern United States; and

WHEREAS, founded and funded by Anderson County government, five municipalities in the county, and the Clinton Utilities Board, ACEDA is one of the most successful industrial development organizations in the State and has ranked in the top ten in job creation and new capital on numerous occasions; and

WHEREAS, ACEDA has spearheaded the development of five industrial parks in Anderson County and has been responsible for locating over forty-five new industries in the county, resulting in thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in new capital investment and local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, this economic activity has also resulted in dramatic new commercial and residential development in Anderson County, which has offset many times over the loss of jobs resulting from the downsizing at Oak Ridge after the end of the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, ACEDA is extremely successful in recruiting foreign automotive parts suppliers. Two of its companies, Aisin and Eagle Bend, are among the top ten auto parts suppliers in the world; nevertheless, the county's industrial base is diverse with different types of manufacturing and distribution facilities; and

WHEREAS, the industrial recruitment effort of ACEDA is governed by a 27-member board of directors composed of the county and city mayors and private citizens appointed by the funding entities; these dedicated public servants are deeply committed to the orderly and responsible development of all phases of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Economic Development Association has spurred economic development for the past fifty years, and its remarkable success should be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that on the occasion of the organization's 50th anniversary, we honor and commend the board of directors and everyone associated with the Anderson County Economic Development Association and thank them for their vision and diligence in making Anderson County a more prosperous community and an even better place to work and live.

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