

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

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A RESOLUTION to designate 2016 as the “Year of Science Education” in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the groundbreaking scientific research that has occurred within our borders, which includes efforts at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of science education for our youth is of vital importance to the future of our State, as employers in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields will be seeking qualified employees; and

WHEREAS, a keystone in the promotion of science education is the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), a content-based organization of over 50,000 members, which will hold its national convention in Nashville at the Music City Convention Center, March 31–April 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, hosted by the Tennessee Science Teachers Association, this national NSTA meeting is the first to be held in Tennessee and is expected to enjoy an attendance of 20,000 to 25,000 science educators from across the nation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of such an august gathering, it is highly appropriate that this legislative body highlight this visit and welcome this illustrious organization to our beautiful State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate 2016 as the “Year of Science Education” in

Tennessee in recognition of the 2016 national convention of the National Science Teachers Association to be held in Nashville on March 31–April 3, 2016.

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