

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

By Moon

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Maryville College on the occasion of its 200th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to recognize those institutions of higher learning that are dedicated to the education of men and women and provide a curriculum emphasizing human dignity; and

WHEREAS, Maryville College is one such institution of higher learning, which has, since its founding, committed itself to building and strengthening the human community; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its bicentennial this year, Maryville College was founded in 1819 as Southern and Western Theological Seminary by Reverend Isaac Anderson, whose personal motto was "Do good on the largest possible scale"; the founding of the seminary was instrumental in turning nearby wilderness settlements into functioning communities; and

WHEREAS, for 200 years, the administration, faculty, and staff of Maryville College have been guided by what they believe to be right instead of following popular opinions of the day; students have received a church-related, liberal arts education to prepare them for life and to challenge them to think carefully and critically; and

WHEREAS, Maryville College has a history of opening its doors to deserving and qualified students regardless of ethnicity, gender, or ability to pay; in 1875, it became the first institution in the State to award a bachelor's degree to a woman, and in 1880, it became one of the first to award a degree to an African-American student. International students also enrolled in the college during the nineteenth century; and

WHEREAS, though small in student numbers, faculty and staff, and campus size, Maryville College is a place that generates and supports big ideas and causes; students participate in Maryville College Works, which connects the classroom and the workplace, and

the Fit. Green. Happy.® initiative, which integrates fitness and nutrition, environmental stewardship, and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton Center for the Arts, which opened in 2010, is the home of the college's fine arts program and provides state-of-the-art spaces for professional theatre, dance, music, and visual art; and

WHEREAS, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the National Association of Schools of Music, Maryville College currently enrolls more than 1,100 students representing approximately forty states, the District of Columbia, and thirty countries; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and supporters of Maryville College for their commitment to higher education, congratulate them upon their 200th anniversary, and extend our best wishes for every future success.

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