

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 190

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Claude S. Morse on his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Claude S. Morse of Manchester is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morse has served on the Arnold Community Council since 2000; he is the president of the local Arnold Air Force Association, which offers scholarships for military members and their dependents and provides grants to promote science and math education in schools; and

WHEREAS, he also serves as the president and chairman of the board of Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee, a nonprofit organization that provides two flights a year for veterans to visit war memorials in Washington, D.C.; last year, he sponsored sixty-five veterans and, on the last flight alone, volunteered for more than sixty hours; and

WHEREAS, a committee member of Wreaths Across America, Mr. Morse helps the group coordinate decorations for hundreds of veteran graves at Christmastime. A member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10904, he also helped coordinate the Toy Soldier Project, which collected 58,479 toy soldiers, one for every veteran killed in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Claude Morse is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; 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 Claude S. Morse for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to him 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.