

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1046

By Marsh

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Motlow State Community College on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor those worthy institutions that provide a stellar education to the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Motlow State Community College is one such estimable institution of higher education that is worthy of our respect and commendation; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1969, Motlow State Community College first opened its doors to 551 students with eighteen full-time faculty members in Moore County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, now in its fiftieth year, Motlow State Community College serves as the primary community college for more than 600,000 residents who comprise its eleven-county service area, which encompasses 4,500 square mile, and includes Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, DeKalb, Franklin, Lincoln, Moore, Rutherford, Van Buren, Warren, and White counties; and

WHEREAS, Motlow State Community College is the top performing institution among all colleges and universities in The Tennessee Board of Regents, The College System of Tennessee, according to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC); is the 35th fastest growing college in the nation; is ranked first in the State in enrollment growth from 2014-2018; leads graduation rates for three years consecutively; and leads THEC performance funding, Tennessee Promise student enrollment, and dual enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the college continues to experience record enrollment, exceeding 7,000 students in fall 2019; these students attend classes at Motlow State campuses, including Moore County, McMinnville, Fayetteville, Smyrna, and Sparta Teaching Site, online, hybrid, and area high schools; and

WHEREAS, Motlow State Community College plays a vital role in the economic and community development of its service area by engaging in partnerships with business, industry, and government and providing training and creating opportunities to the workforce; Motlow also contributes significantly to the economic stability of the service area by generating an economic impact of more than \$50 million; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, Motlow State Community College has positioned itself as a proactive premier institution by continually seeking and creating new, innovative technological and academic programs, including virtual reality, coding, and artificial intelligence, and partnerships with the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology, area high schools, businesses, industries, industrial development boards, and universities to propel student success; and

WHEREAS, this fine institution has served its community and embraced its mission to "enrich and empower its students and the community it serves," and for these noteworthy contributions to this great State, Motlow State Community College 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 and commend Motlow State Community College on the celebration of fifty years of dedicated service to the State of Tennessee, extending our gratitude for the significant impact this esteemed institution continues to have on the citizens of Tennessee and wishing the faculty, staff, and students every success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.