

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1185

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Josh Thomas of Nashville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Josh Thomas, who is the president of Parthenon Strategies, an organization that works with an array of corporate, advocacy, and political clients to achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas has enjoyed a highly successful career in the field of Republican political campaigns and operations, having served as political director of the Republican Party of Kentucky and overseen the successful effort that flipped the Kentucky State House of Representatives and earned the first GOP supermajority in Kentucky history; and

WHEREAS, prior to his efforts in Kentucky, Josh Thomas served with acumen and alacrity as the political director of the North Carolina House Republican Caucus and defended that body's supermajority; and

WHEREAS, from May 2010 to December 2012, he served as the campaign director of the Tennessee House Republican Caucus, heading up the campaign efforts for the GOP and taking the Caucus from forty-nine to seventy members; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas served as a field representative for U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander from May 2003 until April 2009, where he led Senator Alexander's office in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Josh Thomas epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he should be specially recognized for his many accomplishments and contributions to the State of Tennessee; 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 Josh Thomas for his outstanding leadership and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in all future endeavors.

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.