

HOUSE RESOLUTION 324

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A RESOLUTION to express that Tennessee is well-suited to host the 2020 Republican National Convention.

WHEREAS, Tennessee has become a global tourism destination, while preserving its rich history, arts, cultural heritage, and magnificent scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, tourism is one of the State's largest industries, employing more than 176,000 people statewide; and

WHEREAS, the most recent data puts Tennessee in the top ten in states for travel with 119 million visitors in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is home to Dollywood, Bristol Motor Speedway, Elvis Presley's Graceland, the National Civil Rights Museum, Shiloh National Battlefield, the Tennessee Aquarium, Ruby Falls, the Tennessee Civil War Trail, and many other tourist attractions from one end of the State to the other; and

WHEREAS, visitors flock to fill the stands of Tennessee's sporting arenas and athletic competitions across the State, as Tennessee is home to the Memphis Grizzlies, the Nashville Predators, the Tennessee Titans, and a new Major League Soccer team, as well as countless minor league baseball teams, world class golf courses, and national champion collegiate athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee typically enjoys a mild and pleasant climate with only a few days of the year having either very hot or very cold conditions; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's central location makes the State conveniently accessible by land or air; 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, Tennessee stands poised and ready to nominate President Donald J. Trump as the Republican nominee during the 2020 Republican National Convention; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that Tennessee is well-suited to host the 2020 Republican National Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Ronna McDaniel, Chairwoman of the Republican National Committee.