

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 232

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly commend those longstanding organizations that work to promote the commercial success of their communities and this State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy organization is the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, which is celebrating its 110th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, then known as the Board of Trade, held its first meeting on May 7, 1909, and adopted its slogan "Greater Bristol" at that time; there were approximately forty members, each of whom paid annual dues of six dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trade changed its name to the Bristol Chamber of Commerce in 1918; a relic from this period is the "Push, It's Bristol" sign, which originated from the organization in 1910 and remains a historic landmark and a major part of Bristol's heritage and history; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, the Bristol Chamber of Commerce became the first chamber in Tennessee to be accredited by the United States Chamber of Commerce; today, the Bristol Chamber of Commerce has a five-star accreditation and, of the approximately 7,000 chambers in the nation, is among the top 1.5% of chambers based on performance and program evaluations during the reaccreditation process; and

WHEREAS, over the past half century, the Bristol Chamber of Commerce has developed several programs to better the community of Bristol, including LEAD Bristol, an adult leadership program; Keep Bristol Beautiful, a litter reduction program; and Bristol Youth Leadership, a leadership program for high school sophomores and juniors; in over a century of

operation, the organization has been the foundation of Bristol's business community and has worked to foster a thriving economy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commemorate the 110th anniversary of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and extend to the Chamber, its members, and its partners our best wishes for 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.