

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1020

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Roan Scholars Leadership Program upon its twentieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Roan Scholars Leadership Program at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the first class of Roan Scholars entering ETSU; and

WHEREAS, for twenty years, the Roan Scholars Leadership Program has developed leaders committed to achieving excellence and making an impact on our world; and

WHEREAS, each fall, high schools throughout the Appalachian Highlands region nominate their outstanding student-leaders to compete for the opportunity to be a Roan Scholar; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of community leaders have served on the Roan Regional Interview and Steering Committees, helping select these outstanding students; and

WHEREAS, the Roan Scholars Leadership Program focuses on empowering Scholars through unique, out-of-the-classroom experiences as a basis for learning, growth, and leadership development; and

WHEREAS, the Roan pillars continue to be leadership, character, intellectual curiosity, and physical vigor; and

WHEREAS, service to others is a critical component of the Roan development model, with forty-six Scholars contributing more than 8,500 hours at nonprofit and other service-focused organizations during Roan Summer of Service internships in the past seven summers; and

WHEREAS, the Roan Scholars Leadership Program presently has thirty Scholars and sixty-eight alumni who work throughout the State, nation, and world as teachers, business owners, nurses, authors, military professionals, doctors, attorneys, and nonprofit directors; and

WHEREAS, the Roan Scholars Leadership Program was designed by Louis H. Gump, a Johnson City businessman and entrepreneur; the program is modeled after the Morehead Program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where Mr. Gump was a Morehead Scholar; and

WHEREAS, the Roan Scholars Leadership Program has grown and thrived over the years through the generous support of hundreds of donors, who have believed in the vision of the program and invested in young leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Roan Class of 2024 includes the individual who will graduate as the 100th alumnus of the Roan Scholars Leadership Program; 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 honor and congratulate all the fine people associated with the Roan Scholars Leadership Program at East Tennessee State University on twenty years of excellence and impact, extending our best wishes for much continued success.

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.