

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 81

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A RESOLUTION to honor La-Z-Boy Incorporated's Dayton manufacturing facility upon being named one of the 10 Best Plants in North America for 2012 by *IndustryWeek* magazine.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary businesses and their remarkable employees who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable business is La-Z-Boy Incorporated's Dayton, Tennessee, manufacturing facility, which was recently named one of the 10 Best Plants in North America for 2012 by *IndustryWeek* magazine; and

WHEREAS, the *IndustryWeek* Best Plants Awards program, now in its twenty-third year, annually salutes outstanding manufacturing facilities on the leading edge of efforts to increase competitiveness, enhance customer satisfaction, and create stimulating and rewarding work environments; and

WHEREAS, the Dayton La-Z-Boy plant has been named a finalist for the past three years, though this is the first time the company has received the prestigious recognition; and

WHEREAS, the plant opened in 1973 and currently occupies more than 1.2 million square feet. As one of the largest employers in the community, the company's nearly 1,300 associates manufacture La-Z-Boy's fully customizable furniture line, including sofas, chairs, ottomans, and more; and

WHEREAS, key components to the plant's success include just-in-time material supply and replenishment, on-time delivery, repeatable and sustainable quality products, scrap reduction, production lead time, productivity, and safety; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, the plant has also earned the Tennessee Commissioner's Safety Award, U.S. Air Force Partnership Award, Governor's Award for Trade Excellence, Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence, and the Enhancing Furniture's Environmental Culture certification through the American Home Furnishings Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the winners of the award will be honored during an awards ceremony at the 2013 *IndustryWeek* Best Plants conference, which will take place April 22-24 in Greenville, South Carolina, where they will share their stories of operational excellence and continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, as the Dayton La-Z-Boy facility celebrates being named one of the 10 Best Plants in North America for 2012, it is appropriate to honor the many employees, both past and present, who have used their time, talent, and resources to serve their community and fellow man; and

WHEREAS, the Dayton La-Z-Boy plant is most assuredly worthy of this General Assembly's recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate La-Z-Boy Incorporated's Dayton manufacturing facility upon being named one of the 10 Best Plants in North America for 2012 by *IndustryWeek* magazine, thank its employees, both past and present, for their tireless dedication to their customers, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their 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.