

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 697

By Vaughan

A RESOLUTION to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Town of Collierville.

WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in joining with the municipalities of this great State in celebrating joyous and historic occasions; and

WHEREAS, the bountiful and beautiful Town of Collierville and its citizens are most assuredly deserving of special recognition, as they celebrate the 150th anniversary of the town's incorporation this year; and

WHEREAS, in the 1830s, the initial town settlement was established in both Tennessee and Mississippi along what is currently known as State Line Road; and

WHEREAS, in 1850, Collierville was incorporated for the first time, with Richard Ramsey serving as its mayor; and

WHEREAS, after surrendering the first charter, the Town of Collierville was reincorporated on February 17, 1870, with James Abington serving as its mayor; and

WHEREAS, it is this second incorporation and the following 150 years that the Town of Collierville is celebrating in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the railroad played a vital role in the growth of Collierville; the first train rolled through Collierville in 1852 and sparked the beginning of development, commerce, and trade; and

WHEREAS, from the Civil War onward through the Yellow Fever epidemic, World War II draftees' departures, the transformation of the farming economy, and the rise of industry, the town's train station and depot were a beacon of light for those traveling through Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, the railroad is a strong influence upon Collierville's 150th anniversary theme, "Shine a Light"; and

WHEREAS, while the citizens of Collierville will continue to explore their collective past for inspiration and guidance, this sesquicentennial year is also a time to shine a light on the best parts of the community and the achievements of its people, schools, businesses, and the community at large, while looking forward to the future; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the accomplishments of Collierville and is grateful for the positive impact the town has on the State's economy and the special place it has won in the hearts of its citizens and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Collierville is one of the great municipalities in Tennessee, and it is most appropriate that we honor this fine community and its citizenry as they commemorate this significant milestone in their historic existence; 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 congratulate the citizens of the Town of Collierville upon the celebration of their sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) and extend to them our best wishes for continued success, growth, and prosperity in their outstanding community, which is a true Tennessee treasure.

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.