

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1139

By Brown

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center and its newest graduates.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary government programs that transform lives through education; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center (TRC) is one such outstanding program that provides vocational and other training to Tennesseans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2012, TRC will be holding its graduation ceremonies, and more than 80 Tennesseans with disabilities will graduate with newfound skills they gained at the facility, from business education and food service and hospitality to commercial cleaning and auto maintenance; and

WHEREAS, one of only eight state-operated comprehensive rehabilitation centers in the nation, TRC, operated by the Department of Human Services' Division of Rehabilitation Services, has provided job and life skills training to more than 32,000 Tennesseans coping with disabilities since opening in 1977; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than 1,000 students at TRC learn valuable skills to help them enter, or re-enter, the work force, ultimately providing them with a pathway to a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center helps individuals with disabilities improve their lives through a winning combination of vocational training and personal support, and its most recent graduates should be applauded for their hard work and dedication to excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that hereby honor and recognize the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center upon its innovative and effective approach to jobs and life skills training. We congratulate the April 2012 graduates of TRC upon entering Tennessee's work force as skilled professionals and wish them all the best in 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.