

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1321

By Pitts

A RESOLUTION to commend Edgar R. Groves upon receiving the Chancellor's Philanthropy Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Edgar R. Groves is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected and admired member of his community, Mr. Groves was recently honored by the Tennessee Technology Center at Dickson and the Clarksville Extension Campus with the prestigious Chancellor's Philanthropy Award; and

WHEREAS, a true leader among his peers, Ed Groves served with acumen and alacrity on the Industrial Development Board of Montgomery County for many years, in which position he oversaw the donation of seven acres of land to the Tennessee Technology Center and fifteen acres of land to the Dickson State Area Vocational-Technical School; and

WHEREAS, as the astute and diligent owner of Ed Groves Oldsmobile-Cadillac, Mr. Groves understands the need for the proper training of automotive technicians and took the lead in convincing the New Car Dealers Association in Clarksville to partner with local businesses, industries, and the city and county governments in raising the necessary funds to construct the first building on the Clarksville Extension Campus; and

WHEREAS, Ed Groves has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work on numerous boards and committees, including the Tennessee Technology Center at Dickson's school-wide Advisory Committee and the Clarksville Automotive Program's Advisory Committee, where he graciously volunteered to be present while the program was visited by the Evaluation Team Leader from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF); and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man was also a valued member of the Cumberland Dialysis Board, and, when it dissolved in 2007, he brilliantly proposed using its remaining funds to establish a scholarship endowment for the Practical Nursing Program at the Clarksville Extension Campus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Groves is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Edgar Groves is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Edgar R. Groves upon receiving the Chancellor's Philanthropy Award from the Tennessee Technology Center at Dickson and the Clarksville Extension Campus, applaud his dedicated service to the citizens of Clarksville, Montgomery County, and the State of Tennessee, and wish him every continued success in all his 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.