

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1414

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to recognize Morristown Iron and Metal for fifty years of operation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should highlight those historic Tennessee businesses that have a long-standing commitment to providing exceptional service to their customers; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable entity is Morristown Iron and Metal, which celebrates fifty years of operation this year, a commendable milestone for this family-owned and family-operated business; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1974 by Wayne Litz, Morristown Iron and Metal was one of the first scrap metal recyclers in East Tennessee; although he had few financial resources at the outset, Mr. Litz had faith that he could build a business by establishing relationships built on honesty; and

WHEREAS, he worked tirelessly for years crushing cars throughout East Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, and the Carolinas; in 1988, he installed one of the first auto shredders in the region, which enabled the company to shred scrap themselves, rather than selling it to shredders; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Litz continued to grow the business until his retirement in 2010, at which point his son, Ross Litz, took over the role of directing the company into its next phase of growth; and

WHEREAS, his first order of business was replacing the shredder originally installed in 1988 with a new one, which was built over a two-year period and came online in 2016; shortly after securing the new shredder, Ross Litz directed a new non-ferrous plant to be built, which opened in 2018; and

WHEREAS, today, Morristown Iron and Metal has grown into a leading recycler in the Southeast, serving customers from East Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, and North Carolina and offering car crushing along with container placement for both industrial and residential needs; and

WHEREAS, in this, Morristown Iron and Metal's fiftieth year of operation, the business remains true to Wayne Litz's vision of integrity, quality service, and helping people through the power of recycling; and

WHEREAS, for five decades, Morristown Iron and Metal has been providing superior customer service, and it is fitting that the business be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Morristown Iron and Metal on fifty years of operation, wishing the iconic Tennessee business much continued success in the future.

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.