

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7033

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Gallaher and Associates, Inc., on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should recognize those historic Tennessee businesses that have a long-standing commitment to providing exceptional service to their customers; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable entity is Gallaher and Associates, Inc., which celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year, a commendable milestone for this business with a storied history; and

WHEREAS, Gallaher and Associates, Inc., was established in 1973 by Roy Gallaher, a University of Tennessee engineering graduate; and

WHEREAS, Gallaher and Associates, Inc., began as a rep firm, selling a variety of electrical manufacturers, fire alarm, and power distribution products to end users and electrical contractors; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Roy Gallaher's company's growth and reputation for excellence began to evolve with the successful completion and installation of the fire alarm systems in the International Pavilions at the 1982 World's Fair; and

WHEREAS, by 1993, Roy Gallaher had a solid foundation and a devoted team, with many of the same team members still serving Gallaher and Associates, Inc., today; and

WHEREAS, his son, Tom Gallaher, joined the company in 1993 after graduating from Radford University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a minor in mathematics; his addition to the team sparked the company's expansion into security and other lines of low voltage technologies and services; and

WHEREAS, by 2000, Roy Gallaher had opened an office in Chattanooga and began expanding into the industrial, municipal, and educational industries, in addition to geographic expansions to north Georgia and Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Gallaher and Associates, Inc., hired its first outside executive as chief operating officer in 2005; the team worked together to further grow the business and implement operational excellence based on the unwavering values Roy Gallaher established early on; and

WHEREAS, as part of the second-generation family succession and purchase plan, Tom Gallaher eventually began the transition into leadership-based roles to better understand the business, and in 2010, he became the chief executive officer, maintaining his father's value system and standards of excellence through the company's expansion; and

WHEREAS, the company began taking on larger projects in surrounding states and broadened its market share and solutions portfolio to one of the most complete low voltage solution providers in the State; and

WHEREAS, Roy Gallaher continues to be an active member of his community, having served as president and currently serving as treasurer of the Tennessee Network of Security Contractors; he is also actively involved with the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and his church, and his company has consistently been nominated as Most Generous Employer by United Way and Top Workplaces in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, today, the company is known as Gallaher Fire, Security and Communications, and it has offices in Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Nashville, serving thousands of customers and hundreds of projects spanning the continent; and

WHEREAS, Gallaher and Associates, Inc., has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to excellence for fifty years, serving the people of Tennessee with nothing less than the utmost professionalism and acumen; 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 hereby honor and congratulate the employees of Gallaher and Associates, Inc., on the occasion of the company's fiftieth anniversary, commend their unflagging commitment to quality and integrity, and extend to them our best wishes for 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.