

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 155

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A RESOLUTION to honor the seventy-seventh annual Southern Legislative Conference.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those organizations and associations, the members of which gather periodically to participate in conferences that serve to enhance the well-being of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments Southern Office (CSG South) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit member organization that serves the southern legislatures of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, with regionally based leadership and perspective and national-level resources, CSG South provides southern legislators and government staff with a wide variety of programs and services that facilitate regional cooperation and encourage the exchange of information; and

WHEREAS, CSG South is governed by an executive committee made up of legislative leadership, and policy topics are overseen by six standing policy committees consisting of legislators and government staff from the member states; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the organization is to serve as a community of the states, committed to connecting, informing, inspiring, and empowering public servants in all three branches of state government to put the best ideas and solutions into practice; and

WHEREAS, in pursuit of its mission, CSG South has convened the Southern Legislative Conference for the past seventy-six years, beginning with its inception in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and moving into decades of fellowship and cooperation between the fifteen Southern states; and

WHEREAS, the seventy-seventh Southern Legislative Conference will convene in Charleston, South Carolina, from July 8-12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,500 Southern legislators, government staff, and their families will gather to discuss policy matters specifically affecting Southern states and to bridge commonalities and discuss solutions for current policy trends, challenges, and opportunities, and it is fitting that they be specially recognized for their commendable efforts to better serve their communities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend the organizers and participants of the seventy-seventh annual Southern Legislative Conference as they gather in Charleston, South Carolina, and extend our best wishes for the success of the conference.

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.