

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 158

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Johnson City Seniors' Center and the Johnson City Senior Center Foundation for fifty years of service to seniors in Johnson City.

WHEREAS, as the Baby Boomer generation makes the transformation into older adulthood and seeks to redefine retirement, there is a growing focus in American society on living a balanced life that combines wellness, work, and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, senior centers are an invaluable resource to assist senior citizens in staying healthy and involved in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, established in 1961, the Johnson City Senior Center Foundation, a 501(c) 3 charitable organization, still remains true to its mission of providing opportunities for Johnson City's senior population to participate in socialization and educational activities; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City Senior Center Foundation provides financial support to the Johnson City Senior's Center; seniors who attend the Center can choose from a wealth of options, including the arts, sports, fitness and recreation, meals, and many more enjoyable and beneficial activities; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable efforts of this organization also include matching funds received for grants in an effort to further support the mature population of Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, *Celebrate 50!*, sponsored by the Johnson City Senior Center Foundation, will commemorate fifty years of service to seniors with several signature events throughout 2011; the premier event, a fundraising dinner, dance, and silent auction, will be held at Millennium Centre on Friday, April 8, 2011, and will feature the musical guests Bennie Anderson and The Drifters; and

WHEREAS, the fundraising event, a community-wide celebration, is being coordinated by Ms. Lucy Hagerty, one of the senior volunteers at the Johnson City Seniors' Center; this dynamic lady will be contacting various community businesses and organizations to synchronize support for the silent auction on behalf of the foundation; and

WHEREAS, senior citizens are a treasured link to our past; indeed, the positive measure of their courage, hard work, and unwavering devotion to family and community is incalculable; and

WHEREAS, the administration, staff, and members of the Johnson City Seniors' Center and the Johnson City Senior Center Foundation should be commended for their ongoing commitment to helping senior citizens stay active as vital and productive citizens of the Johnson City community; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the good people at the Johnson City Seniors' Center and the Johnson City Senior Center Foundation in commemorating *Celebrate 50!*, and we thank these outstanding public servants for their exemplary efforts on behalf of senior citizens. We wish them and the members of the Center much continued success 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.