

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 303

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Aubrey Randy Burluson upon his receipt of the 2017 Community Leadership Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Aubrey Randy Burluson, who has been selected to receive the 2017 Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount; and

WHEREAS, a 1984 graduate of Catholic High School in Knoxville, Randy Burluson received his bachelor's degree and his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, at the age of twenty-five, Mr. Burluson opened his first Aubrey's restaurant, which fosters the concept of a neighborhood restaurant by serving dishes made from locally grown fruits and vegetables and by supporting local school districts and other local organizations and businesses that make East Tennessee a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, from this first restaurant, Mr. Burluson has expanded Aubrey's into nine locations; it is one of eight different restaurant concepts that make up Burluson Brands. Other concepts include Barley's Taproom and Pizzeria, which has two locations, Stephanos Pizza, drink, Sunspot, Bistro by the Tracks, The Crown and Goose, and Fieldhouse Social; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the members of his community, he has helped nonprofit organizations raise funds by supporting numerous pancake breakfasts and other events and by providing venues and supplies at his restaurants; in 2016, he partnered with Beautifully Designed, a local Christian organization, to sponsor Back the Blue, a day set aside to honor law

enforcement, during which he provided gifts cards and meals to Blount County's law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Randy Burleson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Burleson for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Aubrey Randy Burleson upon his receipt of the 2017 Community Leadership Award, applaud his untiring efforts toward improving his community and this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in 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.