

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 834

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Jerry S. Young, president of Tennessee College of Applied Technology Morristown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize an educator who has devoted his career to building a highly college-credentialed workforce in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-eight-year veteran of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) system, Jerry S. Young began serving as the senior instructor in the Electronics Technology Program at Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) Crossville campus in 1988; he subsequently served as vice president there from 2005 until his appointment as the president of TCAT Crossville; and

WHEREAS, as president of TCAT Crossville, Mr. Young undertook many enterprises that expanded the school's capabilities, including founding the school's first truck driving program, initiating training in the State's first hybrid electric vehicle program, and spearheading a capital building project that resulted in the addition of a diesel repair program and expansion of existing programs at the school; and

WHEREAS, during his productive three-year tenure as president, TCAT Crossville's enrollment increased more than thirty percent, and the school maintained an eighty-five percent completion rate and an eighty-five percent placement rate; and

WHEREAS, in addition to securing funding for a new TCAT building and the new diesel repair program, he has worked assiduously to bring a new TCAT campus to Greeneville; and

WHEREAS, as an instructor, Mr. Young was recognized as Technical Teacher of the Year in Tennessee; he was also named ATEA's Technical Teacher of the Year in the Gulf Coast region and nominated for national honors; and

WHEREAS, President Young has served the technical education community as a member of Tennessee's Complete College America Task Force and the Tennessee Veterans Education Committee; he is a member of the TCAT sub-council and served as chair of the East Tennessee Directors; and

WHEREAS, before beginning his illustrious career with TBR, he served in the U.S. Navy as an electronics technician and was deployed for overseas operations for three of his five total years of military service; and

WHEREAS, President Young holds a master's degree from the University of the Cumberlands, a Bachelor of Science degree from Excelsior College, and an Electronics Technician Certification from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center; and

WHEREAS, a native of White County, Jerry S. Young is grateful to share love and companionship with his wife, Gail; their daughters, Jennifer Young Wyatt and Dr. Emilie Young Cook; their two grandchildren; and his father, Lester Young; he treasures many fond memories of his mother, the late Cleo Young; and

WHEREAS, Jerry S. Young feels connected to the TCAT Morristown community, and since he assumed the school's presidency, he has continued to work with purpose and commitment to improve both the Morristown campus and the entire TBR system; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Jerry S. Young, President of Tennessee College of Applied Technology Morristown, for his many contributions to technical education as a professional with TBR and TCAT Crossville and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his new leadership role at TCAT Morristown.

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.