

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 664

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A RESOLUTION to honor Dale Grisso, Jr., on his selection as the Statewide Outstanding Achievement Recognition Community College Staff Member of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to those outstanding professionals who have dedicated their careers to ensuring that our institutions of higher education can provide the highest quality educational experience for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Dale Grisso, Jr., of Chattanooga State Community College, who was recently honored as the Statewide Outstanding Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Community College Staff Member of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the SOAR Awards were established in 2019 by the Tennessee Board of Regents to recognize outstanding students, faculty members, and staff members; major accomplishments of the colleges; and philanthropists, volunteers, and partners who support the schools in their missions; and

WHEREAS, a well-deserving recipient of this prestigious honor, Mr. Grisso has served with distinction as the Financial Literacy Manager in the Office of Financial Aid at Chattanooga State Community College since March 2016; and

WHEREAS, he has served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of Chattanooga State since July 2010, having held a number of positions around the campus, including Campus Visits Coordinator in the Recruiting Department, Media Representative in the Marketing Department, Enrichment Coach in the Continuing Education Department, and Recruiting Specialist in the Student Affairs Division; and

WHEREAS, since September 2022, Mr. Grisso has served as the Student Government Association (SGA) Advisor for Student Affairs, providing guidance and support for the student representation to the college administration and overseeing the SGA budgeting process; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by his colleagues, he is knowledgeable in the areas of financial aid, teaching, admissions, recruitment, and public speaking and serves as the secretary and treasurer of the Professional State Association, and

WHEREAS, employed by his alma mater, Mr. Grisso obtained his associate degrees from Chattanooga State Community College and Virginia Baptist College and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Bryan College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grisso is a member of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the Tennessee Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and the ChattLEAD Class of 2019; and

WHEREAS, an active part of his community, he has lent his time and efforts to the Neighborhood Leadership Institute, the Glass House Collective, the Community Development Advisory Committee for the City of Chattanooga, and the Allocation Committee of the United Way; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grisso has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest ability and integrity, and he is worthy of our approbation on this special occasion; 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 honor and congratulate Dale Grisso, Jr., on his selection as the Statewide Outstanding Achievement Recognition Community College Staff Member of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for much 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.