

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1272

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A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Anthony S. Fauci for his invaluable service to the American people during the COVID-19 outbreak.

WHEREAS, during the recent national health emergency resulting from the worldwide spread of COVID-19, the American public has been fortunate to receive vital information and sage advice from the calm and reasoned voice of Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID); and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Fauci has distinguished himself as the nation's leading expert on infectious diseases and earned our respect for his ability to explain science without talking down to his audience; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fauci has played an integral role in the federal government's coordinated response to COVID-19 in the U.S. by providing reliable and scientifically accurate information to the American public in a common-sense manner that promotes a better understanding of the disease and confidence in our collective future; and

WHEREAS, appointed director of NIAID in 1984, Dr. Fauci oversees an extensive portfolio of basic and applied research to prevent, diagnose, and treat established infectious diseases as well as emerging diseases, while managing the agency's 5.9-billion-dollar annual budget; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fauci has advised six presidents on HIV/AIDS and many other domestic and global health issues and was one of the principal architects of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, a program that has saved millions of lives throughout the developing world; and

WHEREAS, in a 2019 analysis of Google Scholar citations, Dr. Fauci ranked as the forty-first most highly cited researcher of all time; according to the Web of Science, he ranked eighth among more than 2.2 million authors in the field of immunology by total citation count between 1980 and January 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fauci has delivered major lectures all over the world and is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom (the highest honor given to a civilian by the President of the United States), the National Medal of Science, and the George M. Kober Medal of the Association of American Physicians; he has received forty-five honorary doctoral degrees from universities in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fauci is a vital force in this nation's response to COVID-19, and he is most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Dr. Anthony S. Fauci for his invaluable service to the American people during the COVID-19 outbreak and thank him for his ongoing commitment to research, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of infectious diseases.

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.