

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 52

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A RESOLUTION relative to the erection of statues on the State Capitol grounds to honor Cordell Hull and Al Gore, Tennessee's Noble Prize recipients.

WHEREAS, Tennessee has produced many outstanding public servants, and the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of two such remarkable gentlemen who have been honored with the Noble Prize; and

WHEREAS, born in a log cabin in Pickett County, Tennessee, Cordell Hull was a two-term member of the Tennessee House of Representatives before serving with distinction as Captain of the Fourth Tennessee Regiment in the Spanish-American War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hull then enjoyed a distinguished career in the United States Congress, where he became recognized as an expert on commercial and fiscal policies, was the leader of the movement for low tariffs, and was a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, he was subsequently elected to the United States Senate, but resigned upon his appointment as Secretary of State by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on March 4, 1933; and

WHEREAS, when he resigned from this important post in 1944 due to ill health, Mr. Hull had served as Secretary of State for almost twelve years, the longest tenure in American history; and

WHEREAS, in November 1933, he led the American delegation to the seventh Pan-American Conference, where he won the trust of Latin American diplomats and laid the foundation for the "Good Neighbor" policy; and

WHEREAS, during the later stages of World War II, Mr. Hull was instrumental in preparing the blueprint for the United Nations and served as a member and senior advisor to the American delegation to the United Nations Conference in 1945; and

WHEREAS, his innovative and dedicated work in establishing an international organization for the maintenance of world peace earned him the Nobel Peace Prize for 1945; and

WHEREAS, a four-term member of the United States House of Representatives, Al Gore was elected to the United States Senate in 1984 and 1990; and

WHEREAS, he was inaugurated the 45th Vice President of the United States on January 20, 1993, and served with distinction for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Gore served as a central member of President Clinton's economic team, a Cabinet member, a member of the National Security Council, and as the leader of a wide range of Administration initiatives; and

WHEREAS, he is the author of the best-selling books *Earth in the Balance* and *An Inconvenient Truth* and is the subject of the Oscar-winning documentary *An Inconvenient Truth* about global warming; and

WHEREAS, with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Al Gore was the co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for "informing the world of the dangers posed by climate change"; and

WHEREAS, continuing his legacy of public service, Vice President Gore presently chairs the Alliance for Climate Protection and is a Visiting Professor at Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Cordell Hull and Al Gore have both served their State and this Nation with the utmost dedication and ability, and these exemplary public servants should be appropriately recognized by their home state, the great State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby supports the erection of statues on the State Capitol grounds in Nashville honoring the substantial accomplishments of two exemplary

Tennesseans, Cordell Hull and Al Gore, respectively, and their ongoing legacies in proficient public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this General Assembly that such statues should be erected using private funds solely and that no state funds should be expended for such project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Capitol Commission and the State Building Commission are urged and encouraged to respectively approve such project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the State Capitol Commission and the State Building Commission.