



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on February 7, 1964, the Tennessee State Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing then-Memphis State University to accept a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Herff to establish a master's degree program in engineering science; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1964, engineering courses were initially offered under the name of the Graduate Division of Engineering and Applied Science; and

WHEREAS, in May 1965, the Tennessee State Board of Education approved the undergraduate program in Engineering; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, the name was changed to the Herff School of Engineering, and in 1968 became the Herff College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the Herff College of Engineering, whose mission has stayed true to its original vision, continues to strive toward excellence in education, research and service that responds to the needs and challenges of the region, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the Herff College of Engineering continues to promote the knowledge, skills, ethics, creativity and critical thinking necessary for professional competence and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, today we celebrate a rich 50-year history of educating engineers who continue to shape the future of our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 11, 2014, as

Herff College of Engineering Day

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this eighteenth day of February, 2014.

Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State