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RALPH J. SCHULZ, Jr.

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Mr. Ralph Schulz retired in January 2025 as President and CEO of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, one of Middle Tennessee's oldest and largest business federations. He joined the Chamber in November 2006 following a 30-year career in nonprofit management, marketing, and fundraising. Mr. Schulz's career in nonprofit management began when he joined the staff of Junior Achievement of Nashville in 1974, eventually spending 20 years with JA, leading chapters in Jackson, Miss.; Dallas, Texas; and New York, N.Y. In 1990, he was named National Executive Vice President for JA, working from its headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo. Mr. Schulz returned to Nashville in 1996 to take on a similar national role with the National Federation of Independent Business. Before joining the Chamber, Mr. Schulz spent six years as CEO of the Adventure Science Center in Nashville.

EDUCATION

B.A., University of Tennessee- Knoxville

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

MILITARY: Fort Campbell Historical Foundation Trustee

CIVIC: Mr. Schulz currently serves on numerous civic and nonprofit boards, including the Nashville Health Care Council, Tennessee Business Roundtable, NashvilleHealth, Nashville Predators Foundation, and Western Governors University advisory board. Mr. Schulz is a past board member of Alignment Nashville, Center for Nonprofit Management Board, past member of the Music City Music Council, and Board of Trustees of Father Ryan High School. Mr. Schulz has participated in Leadership Nashville, Leadership Middle Tennessee, and Leadership Music.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

In 2009, the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce was named "Chamber of the Year" by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE), recognizing the Nashville Chamber's organizational excellence, service to members, development of leaders and volunteers, and its impact on key community priorities. The Nashville Chamber was awarded the Mac Conway Award for Excellence in Economic Development by Site Selection Magazine in 2019.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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