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## **Mayor Burchett meets with Romanian ambassador to U.S.**

*Knoxville, Tenn.* — Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett met with Ambassador of Romania to the United States Adrian Vierita this afternoon as part of the ambassador's three-day visit to Knoxville. The meeting was arranged by Dr. Peter Gross, director of UT's School of Journalism and Electronic Media. After the visit, Mayor Burchett released the following statement:

"I enjoyed meeting Ambassador Vierita this afternoon, and I am honored that he chose to visit Knox County. We discussed several things during our visit, including economic development in local economies both in Romania and the U.S., as well as the possibility of developing a sister-county relationship with a Romanian county. As a quickly-emerging democracy, Romania has seen substantial economic growth over the past two decades. With its firm commitment to democratic and free market principles, I have no doubt this will continue."

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