



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 230

By Senators Berke, Watson, Harper

and

Representative McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Deborah Elwell Arkin on being named a 2011 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2011, Dr. Deborah Elwell Arkin will be recognized as a 2011 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association at the organization's 26th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, to be held at the Chattanooga Convention Center, this prestigious event honors a number of women who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic and volunteer service; the event also benefits the important work of the American Lung Association in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout her outstanding forty-five year career in education, honoree Dr. Deborah Elwell Arkin has committed herself to the highest ideals of public service and academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arkin earned her Bachelor's degree in English from the College of Wooster in Ohio, where she was named Outstanding Senior Woman, and her Master's degree in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, she received her Doctoral degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Tennessee, where she also received the Florence McIntyre Award for academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, along the way, Dr. Arkin taught English at six colleges and universities before beginning her exemplary thirty-one year tenure with the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), for which she is the Director of University Planning and a professor in the Department of Political Science, Public Administration and Nonprofit Management; and

WHEREAS, as Dean of the UTC Graduate School for the past fifteen years, Dr. Deborah Arkin has led professional organizations at the state, regional, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, currently serving as a member of the chancellor's executive team, she expertly chairs the Efficiency and Effectiveness Committee and is Co-Chair of the Campus Master Plan Committee; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Dr. Arkin has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens on a number of nonprofit boards, including Girls Incorporated; Partnership for Families, Children and Adults, for which she served as president for two years; and the Rotary Club of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Dr. Deborah Arkin considers her greatest single success to be raising two terrific sons, George Arkin and Christopher Elwell; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Dr. Arkin takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Dr. Deborah Arkin, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Deborah Elwell Arkin on being named a 2011 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, thank her for all she has done to make Chattanooga and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

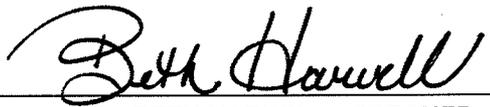
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 2, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 13th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR