



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 232

By Senators Berke, Watson, Harper

and

Representative McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lynda Minks Hood 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, Lynda Minks Hood 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, this prestigious event honors 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, honoree Lynda Minks Hood is serving her seventeenth year as the Executive Director of the Chattanooga Bar Association, a position she serves with acumen and alacrity; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Mrs. Hood has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens by volunteering her time to a number of worthy causes and organizations, including holding membership in the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, the American Bar Association, the National Association of Female Executives, the Association for Fundraising Professionals, and the Chattanooga Women's Leadership Institute; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as a member of the Chancellor's Roundtable of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UT Chattanooga), the Advisory Board of the Legal Studies Program at UT Chattanooga, and as a volunteer for the Girls Preparatory School at which her daughter, Lauren, is a ninth grade student; and

WHEREAS, a survivor of stage-four breast cancer, Mrs. Hood has been in remission for fourteen years and used her experience to inspire others when she served as the Survivor Chairperson for the 2003 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she was a recipient of the President's Award in 1999, 2003, 2005, and 2009 for her contributions to the legal community for the Chattanooga Bar Association; she was nominated in 2010 for Leadership Chattanooga's first Lifetime Achievement Award; she was one of six celebrity dancers for the 2010 *Dancing With the Stars Chattanooga*, and won the title of Fan Favorite; and she was one of twelve Circle of Red women of the American Heart Association for 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hood and her family are active and devout members of Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Lynda Hood is deeply devoted to her family and she always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps most thankful for the love and support she shares with her husband, Michael, and their daughter, Lauren; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Lynda Hood 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 Mrs. Hood, 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 Lynda Minks Hood 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.

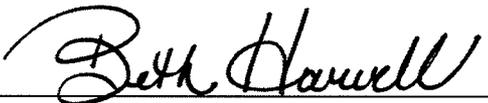
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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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