



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 280

By Representatives Floyd, Carter, Dean, Favors, McCormick, Armstrong, Harry Brooks, Kevin Brooks, Calfee, Camper, Dale Carr, Joe Carr, Casada, Coley, Curtiss, John DeBerry, Dennis, Doss, Dunn, Durham, Eldridge, Evans, Faison, Farmer, Fitzhugh, Forgety, Goins, Halford, Hall, Hardaway, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Matthew Hill, Timothy Hill, Holt, Jernigan, Curtis Johnson, Gloria Johnson, Jones, Kane, Keisling, Lamberth, Littleton, Lollar, Love, Lundberg, Lynn, Matheny, Matlock, McDaniel, McManus, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Odom, Parkinson, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Ramsey, Rich, Roach, Rogers, Sanderson, Sargent, Sexton, Shaw, Shepard, Shipley, Sparks, Spivey, Swann, Tidwell, Todd, Towns, Travis, Van Huss, Watson, Weaver, Dawn White, Mark White, Kent Williams, Ryan Williams, Windle, Wirgau, and Madam Speaker Harwell

and

Senator Ford

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Maxine Alper upon being named a Diamond of Distinction by the American Lung Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Maxine Alper of Chattanooga is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee, the American Lung Association in Tennessee is hosting its own special Diamond Celebration honoring women whose lives exemplify the spirit and intent of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, just as Queen Elizabeth II has led her country for decades and continues to rule, Maxine Alper has been an active volunteer and public servant for decades and continue to be a pillar of her community; and

WHEREAS, Maxine Block Alper has been a vital, caring, and giving part of her community and state for many years, and she remains an active force and doer of good deeds today; and

WHEREAS, her community involvement has covered a broad spectrum, from being a member of the first Human Relations Commission for the City of Chattanooga to serving as board member and hospitality chairman of the GPS Alumnae Association, and from serving as the president of the Valleybrook Women's Golf Association to serving in a number of capacities for various medical and medically-related organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alper has raised funds for the American Cancer Society, been a fundraiser and charter member of the Medical Alliance, a board member of the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and an original board member of the original Siskin Auxiliary, for which she volunteered countless hours. She has worked in many capacities for the Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation, where she continues her almost daily workout routine; and

WHEREAS, her love for children, especially special needs children, is apparent in so many of her volunteer activities; Mrs. Alper was involved with White Oak School for the Deaf until its closing; was involved with Camp Spectrum at Warner Park, a summer camp for children with physical disabilities; raised funds for the Signal Centers at the Princess Ball; and in more recent years she helped found and is a charter member of the "Friends of Special Children," working closely with this group whose mission is to "seek out and provide assistance in the betterment of the lives of special children in our community"; and

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WHEREAS, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Mrs. Alper was married for sixty-three years to Dr. Charles Harold Alper until his passing, and the couple had three children: Jeff, Ches, and Debby, and one grandson, Justin; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of two congregations, B'Nai Zion and Mizpah; a life member and past president of Hadassah; a past chair and co-chair of numerous fundraisers for the Jewish Community Center; and a past co-chair of the women's division of the Jewish Federation of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Maxine Alper is a dynamo of good deeds and a true jewel in the Chattanooga community's crown; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alper is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Maxine Alper upon being named a Diamond of Distinction by the American Lung Association for her "decades of doing" and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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: April 10, 2013


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12th day of April 2013


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR